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Dayan: Syrian attacks to continue until new lines agreed

'They won't determine our settlement policy'

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The unrest along the Syrian border is "no transient episode," Defence Minister Moshe Dayan told military correspondents here yesterday.

Syrian President Assad would have a harder time explaining to his people why he wasn't shooting, than why he was, Mr. Dayan said, noting that Israel is dealing with an extremist-nationalist regime intent on proving its point with deeds rather than verbally.

Mr. Dayan feared that there would be no let-up in hostilities until some form of disengagement agreement, based on a new, mutually acceptable line, is arrived at. "We are, after all, only 43 kilometres from Damascus," the Defence Minister said, adding that one could not expect the Syrians to show understanding for Israel settlement of the Golan.

"We don't need the Syrians' permission for the establishment of new settlements on the Golan," he said. But referring to the new town to go up near the Bnot Yaacov bridge, reported earlier this week, he said that he had passed through the area yesterday and "I didn't see any houses there. What I did see was exploding Syrian shells."

BOTH NEED ACCORD

Mr. Dayan said that he hoped Israel would soon arrive at an agreement with the Syrians. Both sides wanted one and needed one. "This is a primary quest of ours — to put an end to the fighting in an honourable and acceptable manner."

Earlier, the Minister denied that the Israel Defence Forces had been restricted in any way in their retaliation to the Syrian artillery barrages of the past few days, although he noted that there are potential political implications in all retaliatory actions." A firm reply in kind is essential, but this alone will not end the Syrian attacks."

The Defence Minister reiterated that there had been no erosion in the Government's stand on the prisoners-of-war issue, and that there would certainly be no negotiations with the Syrians before they provide the Red Cross with a full and complete list of the men they are holding and enable Red Cross personnel to visit them in order to ensure that they are being properly treated, in accordance with the Geneva conventions.

SEARCH FOR FALLEN

Answering question on Egypt, Mr. Dayan said he believed the Egyptians were complying with all the terms imposed on them by the disengagement agreement. They were not as cooperative in searching for the bodies of IDF fallen as Israel would have liked them to be, "perhaps out of sheer indifference or possible security considerations, but this is in itself no violation of the agreement," he said. (Unfair, p. 2).

Mr. Dayan would like to see a continuation of the talks with the Egyptians in the future. "I may be too optimistic about this. But I think that the most opportune moment will come after shipping operations in the Canal are resumed," he said.

Reporting on the Israel Defence Forces' progress since the October War, Mr. Dayan revealed that the Air Force's numerical strength in attack fighter-bomber aircraft was now some five per cent ahead of its pre-October line-up. The IAF had 30 per cent more transport aircraft and about three per cent more helicopters. Its Hawk "and other missile' strength had increased by 33 per cent, and the financial value of the total IDF line-up had gone up by 80 per cent.

The IDF now had 15 per cent more tanks, 85 per cent more troop carriers, 25 per cent more artillery and a 50 per cent larger stockpile of ammunition.

Commenting on the Scud medium-range missiles reportedly delivered by the Russians to Syria as well as to Egypt, Mr. Dayan said that this was an "anticipated development." Since the Arab pilots were no match for the IAF in dogfights and their chances of aerial incursions into Israel were small, the Russians had provided them with push-button alternatives, "some of which were already used during the October war — with a limited effect."

SOVIET INTERESTS

The USSR had no reservations in supplying the Arabs with more sophisticated arms, "as long as they continue to pay for them and it serves Soviet interests in this area." The arrival of the Scuds should serve to accent Israel's relationship with the U.S. since we must obtain the more sophisticated types of weapons which we cannot afford to develop by ourselves and which we require to answer the Soviet arms delivery to the Arabs.

Mobilization of vehicles and men would continue to burden the civilian economy, the Minister said.

"I am afraid that we will have to maintain larger forces on the lines than in the past," he said. This is because of the conclusions to be drawn from the October war as well as the continued massive front-line deployment of the Arab armies.

Mr. Dayan remarked that Israel would never be able to match the Arabs' many millions of inhabitants and vast armies. But this was a problem Israel could cope with. There was no question concerning the safeguarding of Israel's continued physical existence, and there had never been any threat to this (during the October war) he said.

BEST MAN NEEDED

Commenting on the Motti Ashkenazy one-man strike, Mr. Dayan said that he had offered to resign twice during the war, but that his offer had been turned down. It was not possible to resign from a transitional cabinet, he noted. "But assuming, theoretically, that I would have resigned out of a sense of parliamentary responsibility, this would have been assuming the guilt of the army before this is established and while the Agranat Commission is still studying the conduct of the war."

As to the future:

"I haven't yet been offered the Defence Ministry in the new cabinet and I have no intention of accepting it if it is offered, unless I feel that those responsible for my reappointment are convinced that I can do the job better than anyone else can.

Mr. Dayan concluded by saying that we must all now dedicate ourselves to building the country and specifically to encouraging and successfully absorbing immigration from the West and the Soviet Union.

Metulla under fire

Metulla came under rocket and small arms fire from across the Lebanese border early yesterday. No casualties or damage were reported.

Israel artillery briefly shelled a Lebanese army position which overlooks Metulla in the belief it was the source of the firing, military sources said here. It was not clear, however, whether the fire came from army gunners or from Palestinian terrorists operating across the border.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan on Monday visited frontline positions in the Golan and two settlements — Magshimim and Ein Zivan — which came under heavy Syrian shelling on Monday.

A delegation of the Jordan Valley District Council yesterday visited the Ramat Magshimim village settlement and expressed condolences on the death of Mrs. Esther Ben-David who was killed in the shelling.

They also discussed measures to improve the shelter interiors and help overcome the leaks in some of them, making the stay inside highly unpleasant.

While they were talking, the Syrians started another shelling, and everybody had to go to the shelter again.

Our diplomatic correspondent adds: Israel's acting U.N. chief of mission, Ya'acov Doron, yesterday submitted a complaint to the Secretary-General detailing Syrian cease-fire violations over the past week, which culminated in Monday's shelling of civilian settlements. The complaint charged that the Damascus government had deliberately provoked the incidents.

The complaint listed 20 instances of Syrian artillery opening up, unprovoked, on Israeli positions and settlements. It cited also three incidents involving light-arms fire, one katyusha rocket attack and an instance of anti-tank rocket fire.

War dead list to be issued soon

The names of Israel's dead in the October war are to be published shortly by the army in booklet form. The list will include the names of all those killed during and after the war up to yesterday, February 12.

From today, the army will return to the practice of publishing the names of soldiers killed in action against the enemy as soon as the next of kin have been informed.

UN inspects new Suez deployments

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two U.N. teams have begun inspecting the redeployment of Egyptian and Israeli troops along the sides the U.N.-controlled buffer zone east of the Suez Canal, following yesterday's completion of the third stage of the disengagement of forces on both banks of the Suez waterway.

The inspection teams comprised of Unef and Untso units with the latter presumably including American observers on the Israel side and Soviet officers in the Egyptian zone, which is being thinned out.

The team operating on the Israel side is commanded by Brigadier General Gaston Ihanez-O'Brian, of Peru, while the one inspecting the Egyptian side is led by Brig. General Himawan Soetanto, of Indonesia.

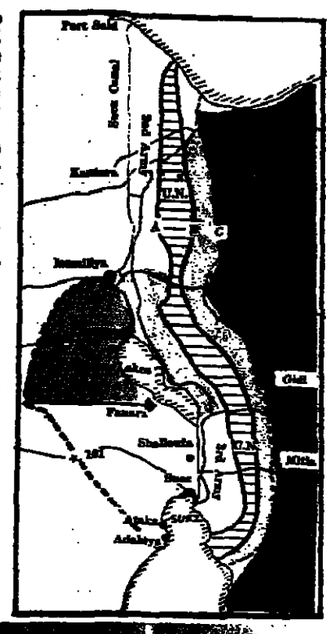
The UN inspection teams are now active mostly in the southern and central sectors of the Canal's eastern bank, where the Egyptians are believed to have completed thinning out their Third Army; the IDF has reduced its presence on a parallel stretch beyond a buffer zone. The UN teams were expected to move northward tomorrow to inspect the thinning out of Egypt's Second Army. This force is supposed to withdraw its heavy armament, and destroy missile bases under the fourth stage that will also mark Israel's complete pullback from the western bank of the Suez Canal by February 21.

The completion of the third phase yesterday meant that the IDF relinquished another sizable area on the Canal's western bank. Its line inside Egypt now extends from Tamara, roughly halfway up the Great Bitter Lake, to the western edge of the bulge running south of Fayid.

The Israelis turned the surrendered territory over to Unef at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while the latter were due to return it to the Egyptians at 6 o'clock this morning.

The Israel and Egyptian forces in the area were being separated by a temporary buffer zone. In accordance with yesterday's progress, Unef moved their supervision headquarters northwards to a point some eight kilometres southeast of Fayid.

With yesterday's pullback, the IDF has returned more than half the 1,600 square kilometres taken west of the Suez Canal during the October war.



Cloudy sky forms effective backdrop to black smoke pouring upwards as roofs of Egyptian Army buildings are burned on Monday, in this sector east of the Greater Bitter Lake from which Israel forces pulled back yesterday in the third stage of the disengagement west of the Suez Canal. (Sasson Jacoby)

Nixon visit seen possible

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Foreign diplomatic sources here yesterday ruled out an immediate visit to the Middle East by President Nixon but said it remained possible within the course of the next few months.

The sources said that President Nixon's plans for a visit to the Middle East depended on the extent of progress in the current peace efforts in which Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is playing a major role. Such progress was unlikely to come before the chances of the second stage of the Geneva Middle East peace conference crystallize, the sources noted.

The sources were commenting on a CBS radio report which said that President Nixon was expected to visit Egypt and Israel and probably other Middle East countries in April.

The report was denied by the White House yesterday, AP reported. When asked whether Nixon would "like to visit the Middle East," Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said, "If conditions were such that a trip could be arranged in the future, I am certain the President would entertain that suggestion." He then repeated that there are no plans for such a presidential trip.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent adds:

Officials in Jerusalem said yesterday they had no knowledge of a planned visit by President Nixon.

Libyan plane survivor back for surgery

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. A Jordanian passenger in the Libyan plane shot down over Sinai a year ago underwent a successful plastic surgery operation yesterday at Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba.

Abdullah el-Khalili was treated for severe hand burns at the hospital immediately after the crash and returned to Jordan last June for additional surgery. Treatment in Jordan was not successful, and he applied through the International Red Cross to be returned to Beersheba.

Ten days ago he arrived here with his wife, who is staying at a Beersheba hotel at Government expense. His hospitalization at Soroka was kept secret by the hospital until yesterday. The patient is doing well, but may need a further operation.

Histadrut disputes size of child grants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut is expected to decide before the end of this week whether to accept the suggestion of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to pay a six per cent c-o-l allowance as compensation for the rise in prices that has followed the cuts in subsidies.

The Histadrut had demanded seven per cent, but is not likely to prove stubborn over this one-per cent difference.

A more difficult question is Mr. Sapir's offer to add, out of state funds, IL10 monthly for each of an employee's first three children, and IL15 for each child from the fourth. The Histadrut insists that the IL15 allowance begin with the third child.

It is estimated that Mr. Sapir's offer would cost the Treasury IL70m. annually, and that the Histadrut demand would add to this considerably.

'Limited' Arab summit opens in Algiers today

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The heads of state of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Morocco are expected in Algeria today for a limited summit meeting to discuss the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. and the question of a military disengagement between Syria and Israel.

Kuwait was scheduled to take part in the meeting, but officials there said the Kuwaiti ruler would not be able to attend due to the Zaire President's visit to the Persian Gulf state.

The Algiers summit has been called for in advance of the conference of Arab oil-producing states scheduled to be held tomorrow in Libya. The fate of this conference was last night doubtful as a number of Arab states expressed reservations over the militant policy of Libya which on Monday nationalized American oil firms. Iraq in the meantime said it will not take part in the Tripoli conference.

Ceausescu in Libya

TRIPOLI (Reuter). — Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu arrived here yesterday for a two-day official visit during which he is expected to discuss bilateral relations, oil and the Middle East situation with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Egypt-Sudan 'joint programme' planned

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri last night issued a joint "programme" pledging cooperation between their two countries in the fields of political, military, economic and cultural activities to furnish future unity between the two nations."

In contrast to traditional Arab pledges for union, the programme voiced no immediate ambitions for a merger in the forseeable future. But it stressed that joint action committees would begin within a month to discuss the basis of cooperation in various spheres. The two leaders said that the programme would be gradually transformed into action to facilitate "linkage" between the masses of the two peoples.

The programme was issued following a two-day visit by Numeiri to Egypt, after three years of lukewarm relation with Sadat. The ties between the two leaders reached their lowest ebb at the time Numeiri renewed his diplomatic relations with the U.S. about two years ago.

Numeiri-Sadat relations were often disturbed by Libyan head of state Mu'ammer Gaddafi, whom the Egyptian President recently abandoned after pledging to merge with him. Sadat's repprochement with Numeiri undoubtedly is a blow to Gaddafi whose latest attempt to merge with neighbouring Tunisia is already faced with opposition in that country.

Iraq goes to U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Iraq asked yesterday for a special meeting of the Security Council to take up the Iraq-Iran border fighting.

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Solzhenitsyn arrested

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet police yesterday burst into the home of writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who has defied two orders to present himself for questioning, and forcibly took him away, his wife said last night.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn, who is normally known by her maiden name of Natalya Svetlova, told western newsmen who visited the apartment just policemen, two in uniform, rushed off Moscow's Gorky Street that seven in just after 5 p.m. and showed a paper of authority to take him away. But the 55-year-old writer said he would not go voluntarily and that they would only take him by force, she added. One of the policemen then told him to collect his things together and go.

Solzhenitsyn's wife added that he did not resist them since there were seven people altogether. He put on winter clothes and left with five of them, while two others, one a uniformed police captain, stayed behind for a further 20 minutes.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said she did not know where they had taken her husband, since she was unable to leave the apartment. She added that one of the locks on the door had been broken by the police.

Solzhenitsyn had defied two orders to go for questioning at the state prosecutor's office round the corner from the flat, and he made a statement on Monday that he would not present himself for any interrogation.

Correspondents who later visited the prosecutor's office were told by a high-ranking police officer at the gate that Solzhenitsyn was not there. "The working day has finished," he said. However, there were many lights still burning in the building.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said the police had been rough, both in their actions and conversation, and tried to hurry the writer. One of them said when he tried to collect toilet articles: "You will come back soon," she said, but she indicated she did not believe this statement.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said the seven men were in the flat for about half an hour before the writer left with five of them. When the remaining two had left, she said her telephone would not work as she tried to telephone foreign correspondents.

While correspondents were at the Solzhenitsyn household, a young woman called with an invitation to a Communist Party ideological lecture. "That's their humour" Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said.

In Stockholm Swedish Academy of Letters said Solzhenitsyn's fate was "deeply tragic." "All I can say at this moment is that his fate is deeply tragic," Karl Ragnar Gierow, Permanent Secretary of the Nobel prize-awarding Academy said when told that Solzhenitsyn had been brought into custody.

Meir progressing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir, suffering from inflammation of the eyelids, is making satisfactory progress at home, her aides said yesterday. She has been meeting and talking with officials and ministers on government business and hopes to be back in her office before the week's end.

A dinner address which Mrs. Meir is due to deliver to a U.S. Pioneer Women delegation in the Knesset on Thursday has not been cancelled, an aide said.

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Funerals held of civilians killed on Golan Heights

The two civilians killed in Monday's Syrian shelling of the Golan Heights were buried yesterday in services attended by a large number of mourners.

Young people, Golan residents, soldiers and American immigrants were present at the funeral of 26-year-old Esther Ben-David of Ramat Magshimim at the rain-soaked cemetery on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives. Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig led the mourners as the casket left Ziv Hospital.

Mrs. Ben-David, a mother of three who immigrated from New York with her husband in August, 1972, was laid to rest amid the graves of Jews killed in riots since 1920.

In Acre, several thousand mourners attended the state funeral of Constable Fuad Atallah, 31. The mourners included the spiritual leader of the Druse community, Sheikh Amin Tarif, Deputy Communications Minister Sheikh Jabber Mu'adi, and senior police officers. Telegrams of consolation from the Knesset Speaker and Transport Minister were read.

Atallah had joined the police a year ago, following eight years of service with the border police. He is survived by a wife and five children. A unit of policemen fired a volley over the grave after the coffin, which had been covered by the national flag, was lowered.

Social and Personal

The new Turkish Charge d'Affaires in Israel, Mr. Ahmed Asim Akyamac, yesterday paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban.

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The Mayor of West Berlin, Klaus Shuetz, yesterday visited the new library at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba built by the Berlin Senate in memory of author S.Y. Agnon, a one-time resident of Berlin.

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The Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon for British exhibitors at the Tel Aviv Technology Fair yesterday. The British pavilion is the largest at the exhibition. Also at the fair yesterday was Italian Ambassador Vittorio Cordero di Montezemolo, who was guest of honour at a meeting of the Israel-Italy Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Jacob Gil, director of the Youth and Sports Department of the Jerusalem Municipality, will lecture on "Youth Programmes in the Capital" before the Jerusalem Rotary Club at a regular luncheon meeting at the YMCA at 1 o'clock today.

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Dr. Aldo Cantoni, of the Frutarom Co., will speak, in English, on "The World of Plastics," at the Haifa Rotary Club, Dan Carmel Hotel, 1 o'clock today.

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THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	94	6—8	5—8
Golan	100	—6	3—6
Nahariya	64	13—17	10—17
Safad	98	5—7	4—7
Haifa Port	55	13—16	10—16
Tiberias	76	11—17	9—17
Nazareth	78	7—12	5—12
Afula	70	10—15	8—16
Shomron	95	7—10	6—10
Tel Aviv	79	14—16	12—16
B-G Airport	81	9—16	8—16
Jericho	72	12—19	11—19
Gaza	72	12—15	11—16
Beersheba	65	9—14	7—15
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COALITION SHOWDOWN TONIGHT

Compromises floated on 'Who's a Jew'

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Compromise formulas on the "Who's a Jew" issue were being floated last night as Labour and the National Religious Party prepared for a showdown meeting in Tel Aviv this evening on forming a government coalition.

Both sides were talking tough — the NRP insisting it would settle for nothing less than legislative action on the "Who is a Jew" issue and Labour saying a change in the law was out of the question at this point.

But neither side ruled out the possibility of a compromise being reached before the end of Mrs. Meir's 21-day deadline early next week to form a government.

ILP Secretary Yitzhak Barkai said yesterday that the Independent Liberals found the Prime Minister's proposal to freeze the issue eminently acceptable, and a new government could arise on the basis of the status quo. Mr. Barkai stressed that his party would appear at today's coalition negotiating session in order to convey its support for the Premier's proposal. "However, we refuse to take part in any more discussions on this matter, and should the NRP make further difficulties, we will withdraw from the coalition talks for the time being," he said.

One way out would be for Labour to form a government with the Independent Liberal Party and hold open Cabinet seats for later entry of the NRP. This would let all sides off the hook for the moment, but it would make Labour dependent on the three votes of Shulamit Aloni for a majority of 61 in the House. Labour would certainly not find this a comfortable position, but its party spokesmen insist stoutly the arrangement could last half a year even if the NRP didn't come in. By that time new elections could be held without the recent subsidy cuts constituting a painful issue.

Compromise proposals being considered include the following:

- Within a year of the government's formation a solution will be reached on "conversion according to Jewish tradition."
- Conversion certificates from abroad — including those issued by Orthodox rabbis — would require recognition by both the Justice Ministry and the Chief Rabbinate.

The issue round which coalition talks have been stalled affects relatively few persons. Converts — or non-Jews — married to Jews automatically get immigrant privileges under the Law of Return. According to Rabbi Menahem Hacohen of Labour, there has not been a single problem case in the 3½ years since the Law of Return was amended to recognize as Jewish anyone converted to Judaism. He said that whenever a question of doubtful conversion had arisen, all the parties concerned had agreed that an Orthodox conversion ceremony be carried out in Israel. Rabbi Hacohen noted that the NRP had been a partner in the Government coalition during those 3½ years.

The NRP now wants the amendment changed to specify that conversions to be recognized, must be carried out by Orthodox rabbis. The Alignment opposes, following strong protests by the Conservative and Reform movements in the U.S.

Labour fight Dulzin for Agency post

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party has decided to contest the re-election of Arye Dulzin as chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the World Zionist Executive.

A week-end meeting here attended by Premier Golda Meir, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Labour Party Secretary Aharon Yadlin, Labour Zionist World Union Secretary Yitzhak Korn and Labour members of the WZO Executive, led by Moshe Rivlin, took up the question of the succession.

The election comes up in June.

Since the death of the late Arye Pincus, the acting chairman has been Mr. Dulzin, who is a leading member of the Liberal (Likud) Party.

It is believed that Mrs. Meir favours the candidacy of Hebrew University President Avraham Harman, while others speak of persuading Foreign Minister Abba Eban to head the Zionist Movement.

While Mr. Dulzin's abilities are not in question, Labour plans an all-out effort to keep the post in Labour hands.

One of the difficulties is that when the agency was reconstituted, it was down that the chairman should be elected on a personal basis. Labour can swing the vote behind its candidate inside the WZO by corralling the Mizrachi and Hadassah votes, but there is no surety as regards the Jewish Agency, which is composed of non-party leaders of the fund-raising organizations and Jewish communities.

'Egypt unfair' in search for bodies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Parents of soldiers missing on the southern front fear the Egyptians are not playing fair in the search for bodies in the area under their control.

According to the parents' estimates, over 370 bodies must have remained in Egyptian-held territory, but only 85 have been returned to date, three and a half weeks after the searches began, the press was told here yesterday.

"There is nothing in writing about the return of the bodies, only the word of honour of the Egyptian Chief of Staff to his Israeli counterpart — and we doubt it very much", a spokesman said. Speaking to the press were Messrs Yosef Lutenberg, Sam Abutbul, Yosef Ben-Yosef, Dr. Mordechai Tsipin, Levy Argov, Meir Yitzhaki and Mrs. Zila Nathan.

The search for the bodies is made three or four days a week only, because the Egyptians refuse to do it on Fridays and Sundays, and the Jewish army chaplains do not work on Saturdays. But there are additional delays when the Egyptians fail to appear.

"They do not permit us to comb the area, as it should be done, but only to examine the surroundings of an abandoned tank or vehicle," it was stated. Worried by the delays the parents say they plan "to put pressure" on the authorities by staging demonstrations and strikes in Jerusalem and "in Sinai".

"Israel must declare that it will suspend the disengagement until the bodies of the fallen soldiers are returned for Jewish burial here," a spokesman said.

One of the parents, Mr. Abutbul, said the number of missing soldiers cast a doubt on the traditional care of Israeli commanding officers for the fate of their wounded and dead men.

"We have testimony that some of the wounded soldiers were abandoned to die by their retreating comrades", he said.

Later the Army Spokesman said search for missing bodies will be intensified next week, after the Egyptians thin out their forces east of the Canal. The operation is expected to continue throughout March.

Israel's original suggestion was to appoint 33 search units, and complete the operation within a week or ten days, but the Egyptian side would not accept it, the spokesman said. There have been delays in searches so far mainly because of the Egyptian troop movements in the area.

"Nothing can be done anyhow without Egyptian cooperation in an area under their control", he added. At present, three to four teams carry out the searches.

Robbery ring uncovered in Ashdod port

ASHDOD. — Police last night disclosed discovery of what they called a major gang of thieves operating out of Ashdod port. So far, five people have been arrested and IL615,000 worth of stolen goods have been recovered, mostly metals and machinery.

Further arrests are expected. Sgan Nitzav Yitzhak Yahav, commander of the Negev District police, told a press conference here last night.

The case broke, he said, when a truck carrying 14 tons of stainless steel sheets came to the port gate on January 30 and the driver handed over his bill of lading to the guard. It seems the bill of lading spoke of olive oil and the sharp-eyed guards spotted the difference.

The truck was traced to its owner and the chain of arrests began from there.

Police kept the entire probe secret for fear of tipping off some of the suspects, and only yesterday lifted a bit of the lid off what they were doing. Even so, no names of suspects were given, and the remanding magistrate cooperated by not permitting their publication. *(Itim)*

Israel asks equality in Mart technological aid

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel has asked the European Community to maintain the principle of equality in handing out technological cooperation aid to the countries of the Middle East. Foreign Minister Abba Eban made the request in a meeting yesterday with the German ambassador, Jesco von Puttkamer. Germany is current chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers.

The Israel request follows confirmed reports that the EEC is considering a plan for large-scale economic and industrial cooperation with the Arab oil-producing countries. A detailed scheme was presented to the EEC's Council of Ministers by its Permanent Commission on January 23.

The EEC's desire to enter into a major cooperation agreement with the Arab oil states is part of Europe's general quest to ensure regular and steady oil supplies. In exchange for assurances from the Arab producers, the EEC plans to offer them aid in building petrochemical and allied industries, access to the "business matchmakers bureau" in Brussels, and governmental insurance against political risk for European firms seeking to invest in the Arab oil states.

The plan drawn up by the Permanent Commission is still at a tentative stage, and some observers in Europe are frankly doubtful whether it will in fact be executed under the EEC framework — given the ongoing disputes between the Nine over energy policy.

Israel, nevertheless, seeks to stress even at this early stage its view that EEC relations — economic as well as political — with the Middle East ought to be based on the principle of equality between Arabs and Israelis.

Israel itself put in an application for similar technological cooperation with the EEC last October, during the negotiations for a new "global" tariff agreement between the Community and the Mediterranean countries (Spain, Israel, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). Israel then asked for, inter alia, insurance of European investments, access to the "matchmakers bureau," means to foster scientific cooperation, and transfer of technological know-how — all as adjuncts of the proposed "global" agreement.

Israel's application was submitted in October, and in November the EEC Permanent Commission reported to the Council of Ministers that it found Israel's requests largely acceptable and within the definition of "fostering trade" — the basic aim of the proposed "global" agreement.

But meanwhile, negotiations on the "global" agreement have slowed to a crawl — mainly because of commercial problems posed by the Maghreb countries. At the same time, under the pressure of the energy crisis, the EEC is considering similar cooperation accords with the Arab oil-producers.

Mr. Eban recalled all these details stressing that the EEC had in the past maintained the principle of equality between the Arabs and Israel and urging that the same principle be adhered to in any new technological aid programme, to be offered to the Arab oil states.

Restrictions in Dura following terror acts

In the wake of recent terrorist incidents in the Hebron area, the Military Governor has suspended some of the privileges enjoyed by the residents of the town of Dura south of Hebron.

At a meeting of some 40 local notables yesterday, it was decided to complain to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence about the fact that Dura residents were no longer allowed to go for visits to Jordan, could no longer invite guests from Jordan to visit them and were no longer eligible to apply for family reunions with relatives living in Jordan.

The notables reported that the restrictions introduced Monday followed a number of incidents in which unknown assailants fired on passing vehicles, including military patrols on routine night duty.

Meanwhile, a number of West Bank residents were detained yesterday in the vicinity of Kabalan village, near Nablus, following a sabotage attack on the village Labour Exchange. There were unconfirmed reports that the blast was caused by an anti-tank grenade.

There has been a rise in terrorist activity in Samaria during the past three months, after three years of quiet.

KNESSET COMMITTEES FINALLY GET CHAIRMEN

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The chairmanships of the ten Knesset Committees were finally assigned yesterday, and the three most important Committees — Foreign Affairs and Defence, Finance, and House Committees — held their first sessions.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, headed as in the past by Haim Zadok (Alignment), last night heard a detailed report from Defence Minister Moshe Dayan about action taken to secure the names of the Israeli prisoners of war held in Syria.

(The Likud bloc — which had been due to present an urgent motion for the agenda about the prisoners — will apparently defer the motion till next week at least, and make do with Dayan's report.)

The committee plans to make tours of the Syrian and Egyptian fronts in the next few days, to visit the troops and view IDF installations.

The Finance Committee, in its first meeting, approved the amendment to the Development Loan Law for the second and third readings, whereby the total amount of loan issues will be increased from IL2,750m. to IL5,500m. The committee also approved the terms of the new Development Loan series, which is now on sale, and which replaces the previous series, with its over-generous terms.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, queried in committee about reports that banks bought huge amounts of the old series of Development Loan before sales were stopped, said the banks had no prior information from the Treasury about stoppage of sales. The banks had told the Treasury their views about the conditions of a new series, if it should be issued, and were only told about the change-over last Monday night, after the Stock Exchange closed for the day, he said.

Sapir said he asked the directors of the three main banks (Leumi, Poalim and Discount) to state whether their institutions had bought loans of the old series for the banks' own profit. The directors of two of the banks replied, in clear terms, that they had not bought the loan, he said.

But the third bank's reply did not satisfy him, Mr. Sapir said, so he requested further details. The entire affair would be probed, he assured the Finance Committee.

The House Committee in its first session, set up a special sub-committee on Knesset Members' salaries, and also a special sub-committee to distribute rooms for MKs' private use in the building.

The Alignment Chief Whip, Moshe Baram, last night brushed aside a demand by party rebel Aryeh Eliav that he get his seat on the prestigious Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee in a secret ballot of his ex-Mapai wing in the Alignment, and not as a favour from Alignment Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin.

Yadlin waived the seat reserved for him in favour of Eliav, who voted against his own party the week before on the Budget, along with co-rebel Yitzhak Ben-Aharon (who represents the ex-Ahdut Avoda wing on the committee).

The reluctance to hold a secret ballot among the ex-Mapai wing may have stemmed from apprehension that such a ballot would not put in the four seated candidates — Zadok, Yariv, Rabin and Eliav — or from a reluctance to see how many votes each would get.

At the same time, the very fact that Eliav was proposed, could indicate a desire on the part of the party establishment to ensure a strong "dovish" showing in the important committee.

Yadlin, for his part, is thought anxious to win support for his eventual claim to a Cabinet post, which would depend in great measure on the approval of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir (probably Eliav's most powerful backer).

As for Alignment whip Baram, he reacted to Eliav's protest on the undemocratic manner of his appointment to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee by saying, "That's the way it's going to be."

The following committee chairmen were approved: House Committee — Ari Ankorion (Alignment — Labour); Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee — Haim Zadok (Alignment — Labour); Law Committee — Yitzhak Raphael (National Religious); Education Committee — Avraham Shechterman (Likud — Gahal); Economic Committee — Shmuel Tamir (Likud — Free Centre); Finance Committee — Israel Kargman (Alignment — Labour); Labour Committee — Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment — Labour); Interior and Ecology Committee — Yosef Tamir (Likud — Gahal); Public Services Committee — Chaika Grossman (Alignment — Mapam); State Control Committee — Yohanan Bader (Likud — Gahal).

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee has the following members: Aryeh Eliav, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Gideon Hausner, Dov Zakin, Gad Ya'acobi, Aharon Yariv, Moshe Carmel, Yitzhak Navon, Haim Zadok, Yitzhak Rabin, Meir Talmi (Alignment); Menahem Begin, Yigal Horowitz, Binyamin Halevi, Avraham Yaffe, Haim Landau, Elimelech Rimalt, Ariel Sharon, Shmuel Tamir (Likud); Zevulun Hammer, Yitzhak Raphael (NRP); and Kalman Cahana (Aguda).

The Finance Committee has the following members: Adi Amorai, Aharon Efrat, Moshe Baram, Zvi Gershuni, Benzion Halfon, Uzi Feinerman, David Coren, Nuzhat Katzav, Israel Kargman, Moshe Shahal, Yehuda Sha'ari (Alignment); Simha Erlich, Moshe Arens, Yohanan Bader, Simha Flumin, Gideon Patt, Haim Corfu, Zalman Shoval, Eliezer Shostak (Likud); Yehuda Ben-Meir, Avraham Melamed (NRP); and Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda).

Can Labour MKs support Motti?

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Alignment Knesset faction last night decided to discuss in the near future whether its members had the right to support demonstrations like that of Motti Ashkenazi calling for the resignation of Moshe Dayan, an Alignment Minister.

The decision came at the demand of member Mordecai Ben Porat (Rafi), who charged that the people who called on Ashkenazi were "stabbing party colleagues in the back." Ben Porat said heatedly: "Anybody who wants a Party minister to resign should have the guts to go before a party forum and ask for his resignation."

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, one of the Alignment's M.Ks who visited Ashkenazi, told Ben Porat that he merely wanted to congratulate the young man on "the dignified and responsible manner in which he availed himself of his rights as a citizen."

Police blackout on Jerusalem arson

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police have imposed a black-out on their investigations of the arson at three Christian institutions in Jerusalem on Monday. But yesterday a source close to the case said that "interesting developments could be expected in the near future."

The Jewish Defence League has issued a statement "commending the brave people who set alight three missionary centres." Government and municipal officials have stated that at least two of the institutions have no connection with missionary work.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren condemned the arson on religious grounds. "Such brutal acts," he said, "are in direct contradiction to the teachings of Judaism and the ethics of the Prophets. They can also seriously damage Israel's image."

An organization calling itself the "association for fighting missionary influence in Israel" issued a statement yesterday taking credit for the arson.

Delek station in Netanya robbed

NETANYA. — Two unidentified robbers brandishing pistols held up the night watchman at a Delek station near the Ruppin Academy early yesterday morning and got away with IL2,500. They made their escape in a waiting car.

The 40-year-old watchman, Yaacov Haritan, alerted the police, who have begun an investigation. *(Itim)*

3 pedestrians killed on roads

Three road deaths were reported yesterday. All the victims were pedestrians.

Siman Alis Salah Amar, 41, from Kafr Julus in Galilee, was hit by a car after he got off a bus at the Plugot-Kiryat Gat crossroads and tried to dash across the road. The driver, Yaacov Asiyag, 23, from Beersheba, was detained for questioning.

Benjamin Lieberman, 69, was killed Monday when he was struck by a private car near the petrol station at Givat Shmuel, on the Geha road, near Tel Aviv. The driver had lost control of the wheel when his car brushed up against a cement mixer, spun off onto a traffic island, hitting Lieberman.

He died on the way to Beilinson Hospital.

An unidentified woman aged about 50 died Monday night in an Ashkelon hospital a few hours after she was hit by a taxi. The accident occurred at 6 p.m. on the road connecting the Lachish settlements, not far from Moshav Talmin. *(Itim)*

Israel hoopsters lose to Rockhurst College

KANSAS CITY (AP). — Rockhurst College of Kansas City defeated the touring Israel basketball team 83-79 with a balanced attack that saw three men score 14 points each. Boaz Yanai scored 24 for the visitors.

Proceeds of the game went to a fund to promote an exchange of athletes between the U.S. and Israel.

Tel Aviv Maccabi plays Hertha-Berlin tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Maccabi soccer team will play against Hertha-Berlin tonight at Jaffa's Bloomfield Stadium, kicking off at six o'clock.

Lotto winners

TEL AVIV. — The winning numbers in this week Lotto lottery are: 06, 12, 19, 27, 33, and 36. The additional number is 16.

All employees of
LIFE Industrial Planning and Engineering Co. Life Ltd.
grieve with their Managing Director
Dr. H.D. FRENKEL
on the death of his
MOTHER
Funeral details to be announced.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved
MALVINA KOHN DE FRENKEL
The funeral will leave from Elisha Hospital at 10.45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14.
The bereaved family,
Son, David
Daughter-in-Law, Grandchildren,
Family in Israel and Abroad.

On the *shloshim* of the death of our beloved
JOSEF MEIR ז"ל
a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone will be held at his grave in the Petah Tikva Cemetery today, February 13, 1974 at 3 p.m.
Family and friends will meet at the Cemetery entrance at 3 p.m.
THE FAMILY

We share the deep sorrow of
Jacqueline and the Picard family
at the tragic passing of
BARUCH
Residents of 2 Rehov Mishmar Hagvul

To BETTY and REUVEN BEN-DAVID
Heartfelt condolences on the death, due to enemy action, of
ESTHER BEN-DAVID
BAHARLIA,
BEN-ZVI,
MAZZA families

My husband
ABDEL GHANI EL-KARMY
has left me.
He lived for peace and he died in peace yesterday in Ramallah.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our mother,
CLARA MANDELSON
(née COHEN)
at Kfar Mordechai on February 11, 1974.
The Mandelson Family, Kfar Mordechai
Jack Mandelson and Family, Haifa

FEWER RADIO NEWSREELS

Partial cutback in radio, TV approved

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority's plenary committee yesterday approved a partial cutback of radio and television broadcasts to their pre-war formats, as had been recommended by the Authority's managing committee on Sunday.

The cutbacks at this stage involve only the radio and Galei Zahal newsreel magazines, which will be reduced from four to three a day, and Saturday morning TV broadcasts. The date of the changes will be left for the managing committee to decide. Only two members of the plenary spoke out against the changes, saying that the present radio and TV schedules, which were established during the Yom Kippur War, should be maintained until the emergency is clearly over.

The decision is for one year and the situation is to be reviewed after six months.

Plenary committee chairman Dr. Walter Eytan announced the decision of Broadcasting Authority Director-General Shmuel Almog not to run for another five-year term and expressed the committee's thanks and appreciation for the work he had done.

Avraham Katz M.K. (Gahal) said that TV presented too many thriller films which prevented school children from going to bed on time. For the same reason he wanted the Saturday evening "Game of the Week" back in its 8 p.m. slot, rather than after the "Ironside" series. Other committee members defended the thriller series, one of them saying that "while they do not show much violence, they are also not overly thrilling."

Mrs. Ora Herzog agreed that many of the thrillers could usefully be supplanted by films with educational or informational content, such as those produced by Unesco. She also complained that TV did not bring programmes aimed specifically at women, such as programmes on cooking, handicrafts and home economics. Mrs. Herzog called for programmes on good citizenship, public manners and consideration for others. "It is up to television to help develop good taste among the public. Visual beauty which can only be described on radio, can be shown by television," she said.

The director of the radio section, Moshe Hovav, told the committee that broadcasts for U.N. soldiers — in the language of each contingent — are being planned. He also said that shortwave broadcasts to Russia and South America have been increased. To a committee member's claim that radio did not bring enough programmes to raise public morale, Mr. Hovav said that "morale cannot be raised artificially." He also said that this week the radio service started a daily programme of lectures on an academic level (First Programme, 3.05-4 p.m.) which did not receive enough advance publicity. The broadcasts are not intended for mobilized university students, but for the general public, he said.

FIVE HELD IN FUEL OIL FRAUD

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police investigating widespread fraud in fuel oil deliveries in Jerusalem arrested five fuel delivery men early yesterday.

A police spokesman said one of the men had admitted to pocketing IL400 a day by reselling fuel which he had cheated regular customers out of. The spokesman said many more arrests were expected.

The investigation got under way last week after police received tens of complaints from Jerusalemites who said they had been cheated in fuel deliveries.

A special police team discreetly followed a number of delivery trucks on their routes, afterwards checking the receipts the drivers issued and noting where they made deliveries without issuing receipts.

The drivers and their assistants were employed by the delivery pool formed by the three major fuel oil distributors — Paz, Delek and Sonol (PDS) — after the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. The police spokesman said that many Jerusalemites had complained to the PDS headquarters but that most complaints were placed in a file and forgotten.

Only occasionally would the complaints be acknowledged by having a driver go back to a customer to apologize and refill the tank.

PDS officials could not be reached last night for comment. The police spokesman said that PDS is cooperating and has turned over all the complaints it has received to the police.

The spokesman said there were two principal methods of cheating. In some cases, if there were no adults around when the delivery was made, the meter might already read 300 or 400 litres before the fuel began to be pumped. In other cases, the delivery man might pump air out of one of the empty compartments within the fuel tank. The meter would run as long as the pump was working, regardless of whether oil or air were coming out.

The oil thus saved would later be sold in moshavim in the Jerusalem Corridor or in various neighborhoods within the city, the spokesman said.

Yesterday's arrests were made at 5:30 a.m. as the deliverymen assembled to begin their day's work. "The investigation is just beginning," said the spokesman.

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N.Y. radio station kills pro-Israel commentary

NEW YORK (JTA). — A broadcast that condemned Arab terrorism and criticized black basketball players on the Rochester University team who last week boycotted a game with Israel was scrapped just hours before it was to have been aired by radio station WBAI-FM, a New York radio station sustained by listener subscriptions.

The broadcast was taped last Friday by Peter Heller, sports producer for Channel 7 (ABC) TV, for airing that evening from 7.15 to 7.30. It was a segment of the 15-minute spot that included other sports events of the week. Several hours after taping, Heller was notified that the entire broadcast was cancelled and that he was fired from his position as a "volunteer" — unpaid — sportscaster for the radio station.

Heller, whose book about former boxing champions, "In This Corner," has just been published by Simon and Schuster Inc., said he had anticipated trouble with the radio station over this broadcast "in view of WBAI's traditional liberal views."

Larry Cox, news director for WBAI-FM, said the broadcast was cancelled because Heller introduced the segment as "a personal commentary, and we are not allowed under Federal Communications Commission rules to present personal commentaries" under the radio station's current operating guidelines.

Asked if the decision to dismiss Heller, who had been hired several weeks ago and had broadcast several programmes, came before or after last Friday's taping, Cox fumbled for a few moments, then replied: "We didn't like his work, generally."

In the cancelled broadcast, Heller noted that the decision of one black player to boycott the entire game and the decision of two other black players to boycott the second half was "a serious misguided action ... bowing to anti-Semitic Arab propaganda out of apparent ignorance of the facts on their part."

He noted that the black players bowed to Arab propaganda "because it's the in thing among some blacks to align themselves with Arab guerrilla groups, and against Israel. In doing so, they conveniently closed their minds to some very cogent facts, like, for instance, the decimation of the Israeli Olympic team by Arab terrorists in Munich."

Continuing, Heller observed that the black players also "chose to ignore the incalculable financial help and technological assistance and training Israel has provided to many of the emerging Black African nations.

Second Zim freighter may be struck when it docks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Marine Officers Union has still not decided whether to strike the m.s. Narkis, the second Zim roll-on roll-off freighter, when it docks at Ashdod port today.

The strike of the Narkis' sister ship, the m.s. Iris, went into its 11th day yesterday, with no movement toward a settlement on the union's demands for better working conditions. The Narkis has been delayed by storms at sea, and is due to arrive today. Asked whether the union would extend its strike to the Narkis, the union secretary, Captain Shmuel Zucker, replied only, "We shall decide after she arrives."

The Ashdod port management may not allow the ship into port at all, because of the risk she will sit in a berth indefinitely, as the Iris has done in Haifa, despite the heavy port congestion which is forcing many freighters to wait their turn in the bay.

Captain Zucker said that on Monday the union had proposed the establishment of a three-man committee of "neutral" experts to rule on the dispute. The proposal had been submitted to Moshe Levi of the Histadrut Executive, who deals with seamen's affairs, for transfer to the Zim management, "but so far we have received no reply at all, though we are certain the Zim management has received it."

The Zim spokesman, however, said no such proposal had been received by the management, which stood by its suggestion that a Histadrut Committee rule on the dispute. He noted that a provision for such rulings by the Histadrut had been included in an agreement reached with the union several months ago. The union, on the other hand, held that the dispute was "a purely technical one" which the Histadrut was not equipped to settle, while a neutral committee of experts could do so within a short time.

The strike is costing Zim $5,500 a day, the running cost of the ship, and is causing additional indirect losses by the Iris' occupying a berth in the port.

Violinist Isaac Stern at the unveiling of Casals Corner in Yemin Moshe yesterday, with his daughter and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. (Emka)

Memorial meeting honours Casals and plaque to cellist unveiled

By YOHANAN BOEHM
Music Editor

Pablo Casals' stay in Jerusalem last summer during the Israel Festival was the last pleasant time the maestro experienced, according to a letter from his wife, quoted by Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, at a memorial meeting for the cellist at the Jerusalem Khan yesterday afternoon. Casals died last October.

At the gathering, Casals' love for Israel and, particularly, for Jerusalem was stressed by the Mayor, as well by violinist Isaac Stern, while Uzi Wiesel talked about the cellist from the point of a student. A message by Prime Minister Golda Meir, who is indisposed, was read in which she recalled her many pleasant meetings with the maestro.

Uzi Wiesel opened the ceremony with a movement for cello solo by Bach, and Isaac Stern ended his reminiscences with "the only way a musician can speak about Casals," by playing a part from a solo sonata by Bach. A short film of the official opening of Mishkenot Sha'ananim last August was shown, where Pablo Casals played for the very last time in public — his beloved Bird Song from his native Catalania.

Before the ceremony at the Khan, a small gathering attended the unveiling of a plaque designating a corner near the Yemin Moshe Windmill as "Casals Corner."

Ministers problem — how to save IL5b.

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Final decisions about the State Budget for 1974/75 will be made this week. The Ministerial Economic Committee is almost in constant session, as it must report to the Cabinet on Sunday. The problem agitating the Ministers is now to bridge a gap of IL4b.-5b. between anticipated revenue and proposed expenditure.

Outlays in the first draft add up to IL38b. (as against IL32b. this year). Haim Gvati, Minister of Agriculture, has suggested a wall-to-wall cut of IL1,000m. in civilian expenditure. And a special Ministerial sub-committee will meet in the latter part of the week to seek economies in defence.

Most items in the Estimates need more money for the same volume of activity, owing to the continued rise in prices. The biggest single item, however — defence — remains broadly unchanged in money terms at IL16b.-17b., leaving room for increase in other parts of the budget where this is needed (though it is hoped to reduce defence from that figure).

The general formula is: freeze (in real terms) Ordinary Budget expenditure, that is, administration and the social services; but increase the Development Budget. The increase will allow the Government to prod the economy into greater activity, countering the present lag in investment and production.

However, outlay on development will be reviewed month by month. It will be reduced if the economy shows signs of over-heating, and increased if there is slack that should be taken in.

Some items are unavoidably costlier, notably debt service, up from IL4.7b. this year to IL6.2b. Also export incentives will be augmented by IL300m. to IL1.4b. A lot is going to housing — close to IL2b., as against IL1b. this year. House construction fell sharply during the last quarter of 1973 (the war months), and there is a good deal of leeway to be made up. Yet account must be taken of the fact that the building costs index soared by 40 per cent during the last year.

Tax revenue, including compulsory loans, will rise from IL15.75b. to IL19.5b., covering a little over half the State's expenditure. The other half will be supplied mainly from internal and foreign loans. It is no secret that these items will yield less in 1974/75 than they have in the present war year.

This is the issue of difference between Mr. Sapir and the individual Ministries. If expenditure can be trimmed by IL2b., that will cut the revenue shortfall in half. The moderate remaining deficit may not be too damaging, since the economy is still under-powered — while further economies can be made during the year if the need arises.

Move to prevent war booty thefts

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A Likud Knesset Member is making a bid to prevent a recurrence of the Netivei Neft scandal over mismanagement and theft of 1967 war booty.

Gideon Patt has asked Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman to invite Army and Defence Ministry officials to the Committee to report on all booty seized in and after the Yom Kippur War and on what had been done with it.

Patt recalled that tens of millions of lirot worth of booty had been taken in the Six Day War but never reached Government stores, as the State Comptroller reported after the event.

Patt told *The Post* that reports had reached him of more than 1,000 tons of meat taken from Egyptian Government stores on the western bank of the Canal, which had never reached Government stores in Israel. Rice and sugar had also reportedly vanished, as well as a wide range of equipment.

Flooding closes Allenby Bridge

Allenby Bridge, which remained open during the October war, has been closed indefinitely by the weather.

Although the flow of the Jordan is higher, the bridge itself is undamaged. But the customs house and the frontier police offices are completely out of commission.

Melting snows on the mountains brought down a torrent of water and thick mud into the little dip of land where the offices are located. In some, there is still a metre of water, and all they contained is covered with a thick coating of mud.

The Public Works Department has so far removed thousands of cubic metres of earth from the wooden barrack-like offices. The authorities are now considering moving the entire complex onto higher land.

In the meantine, traffic across the Jordan has been diverted via Damya Bridge, further north.

(Itim)

A DELEGATION of 20 members of the Labour Party's Tel Aviv branch flew by El Al yesterday for a two-week visit to Frankfurt as guests of the Social Democrat Party in North Westphalia.

DRIVE 80kph TO SAVE FUEL, SCIENTISTS FIND

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The optimal way to drive on Israel's interurban highways, with today's high fuel prices, is at a steady cruising speed of 80 km. per hour, according to a study by Professor Moshe Livneh and Dr. Shalom Hakkert of the Technion's Road Safety Centre.

Going slower than 80 kph will save less fuel than the extra driving time is worth to most people. But driving faster is so much more expensive in fuel costs as to completely eliminate the gain in time, besides increasing the danger of accidents and nervousness of the driver, they found. Their conclusions are to be presented at a seminar on "Fuel Saving on the Roads," at the Centre today.

The experts found that the optimal interurban speed, from the fuel saving aspect, is actually 60 kph in petrol-driven, European cars, which make up the bulk of Israel's car fleet. However, by raising the speed to 80 kph the cost of the extra fuel consumed on a typical 100 km. trip, (i.e. from Haifa to Tel Aviv) will be only about IL2 to IL3, at a saving of 25 minutes of the time of the driver and any passengers he may carry. On the other hand, going faster than 80 kph raises fuel consumption so steeply that the extra 20 to 25 minutes that can be saved by driving up to 120 kph and more, will raise fuel costs by about IL10 each way.

The scientists recommended that drivers try as much as possible to keep a steady cruising speed as near to 80 kph as prevailing traffic conditions allow, and not to aim for more, as frequent accelerations and slowing down use up much fuel.

Dr. Hakkert said yesterday that though the research was conducted on cars, the same principles held good for diesel-engine trucks and buses. However, in the case of buses, if the collective time saved by all the passengers on board is taken into consideration, it may be worthwhile for the buses to exceed the 80 kph recommendation.

The picture was completely different on urban roads, with their heavy traffic which makes high speeds impossible. Here the researchers recommend that drivers adapt themselves to the flow of traffic on any given road and try as much as possible to keep a steady speed, without frequent accelerations for overtaking.

The research had shown Israel's road construction policy of concentrating on high speed interurban highways while throwing in the towel on urban roads, to be exactly the opposite to what economy requires, Dr. Hakkert told me. The interurban highways are planned for speeds of 100 to 110 kph, which "is much more than we need for optimal driving," while comparatively little effort was invested in improving the roads in the towns, to make a faster flow of traffic and steadier speeds possible.

The study therefore recommends that on interurban highways all efforts should now be directed at eliminating bottlenecks at junctions, while in the towns all investments should be directed towards making a higher average speed flow of traffic possible, which would result in considerable savings. The proposals include more one-way streets and a linked traffic light system "which will make a real green-wave possible," as well as widening roads.

As to the accident factor, the experts found that at reduced speeds of up to 80 kph on interurban highways, the number of accidents would drop considerably, and those that do occur are less serious. The effect of lower speeds on urban roads was not known.

Yosef Raanan to head Alliance Tire Co.

HADERA. — There has been a switch in top management at one of Israel's largest industrial concerns, the Alliance Tire and Rubber Co.

Yosef Raanan has become President, replacing Yosef Teicher, a founder of the company who is moving on to become Chairman of the Executive Committee after 23 years as President. The appointments will become effective August 1.

Mr. Raanan, 52, is presently Vice-President and General Manager. Mr. Teicher, 55, a chemist by profession, told *The Post* he looks forward to being able to devote more time to policy decisions in the framework of Alliance's continued growth.

Indonesia 'will invite' Israel to tennis meet

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Asian Tennis Federation has assured the Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) that Israel will receive an invitation from its Indonesian opposite number for the third Asian Amateur Tennis Championships, scheduled to start in Jakarta on March 6. The event is being sponsored by the 17-nation federation, of which Israel was a founder-member in 1964.

The assurance — just received in a cable from Asian Federation Secretary R.H. Kahanna in New Delhi — was in reply to an urgent request from the ILTA for clarification of reports that the Federation had accepted the Indonesian offer to host the tournament, even though the latter made it a condition that Israel would not be allowed to participate.

ILTA Chairman Avram Feiger told *The Post* last night that the Association was now looking forward to receiving the promised invitation within the next few days, and would then ask for entry visas to Indonesia for its players. In the meantime, preparations would go ahead under national coach Ian Froman to ready a team for the five-day championships.

The ILTA has still had no reply to its cable of a fortnight ago to the International Lawn Tennis Federation (to which the Asian group is affiated) warning that any action by Indonesia to bar Israeli players would be a breach of federation regulations. In 1967, the international body upheld the Association's protest, when Malaysia refused entry to the Israeli team for the Asian youth championships in Kuala Lumpur, ruling that because of this violation the meet could not be counted as official.

Indonesia and Malaysia are among five Moslem countries in the Asian Tennis Federation, but its membership does not include any Arab states.

JNF budget up IL38m.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund yesterday approved the 1974-75 budget of IL132m., IL38m. more than last year's budget. The increase was based on the rise in donations from abroad and increased revenues from JNF landholdings in Israel.

MALKA VODKA, 23, complained to police yesterday that a thief grabbed her pocketbook Monday evening near her home in Kiryat Sharett in Holon. She said it contained documents and IL25 in cash.

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Army college near London is blasted

LONDON (UPI). — A suspected Irish Republican Army bomb blew out a wall at the National Defence College outside London yesterday, temporarily burying a man and woman in the rubble and injuring other persons, police said.

A spokesman at the college maintained by the Ministry of Defence said the 10 injured included three senior Air Force officers, an army lieutenant-colonel, a navy commander and three women clerks.

He said one of the Air Force officers and a woman were buried in masonry of the shattered administration building, but were pulled free after 10 minutes.

The explosion was the latest in an extended bomb campaign by suspected IRA extremists, which has killed 11 persons and wounded 107 others in blasts since December 17. Most of the incidents have occured in the London area.

The bomb yesterday, which police said contained an estimated 20 lbs. of explosives, went off without warning as students at the school for ranking officers ate breakfast.

About 30 minutes after the blast an anonymous telephone caller warned that another bomb was still on the grounds. Bomb experts blew up a suspected parcel, but said it turned out not to be a bomb.

Police said the force of the blast blew shingles off the roofs of houses a mile away from the college and was heard more than four miles away.

In Belfast, the Protestant extremist Ulster Freedom Fighters yesterday claimed responsibility for the machinegun killing of a teen-age Roman Catholic and the wounding of five other meat packing workers in the city.

A man who said he was "Captain Black of the UFF" telephoned the "Telegraph" newspaper and declared the attack was retaliation for the bombing of a bus carrying British servicemen and their families in Yorkshire, England on February 4, when 11 persons were killed.

Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira, left, finds something to laugh about with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger at State Department luncheon on Monday for energy commission representatives. At extreme right, British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home speaks with Italy's Aldo Moro, in centre. (AP radiophoto)

Energy meet shows EEC split

WASHINGTON. — The immediate outcome of the troubled 13-nation Washington energy conference in its second, and supposedly final, day appeared yesterday to be a deepening split within the nine-nation European Economic Community.

The key question of a continuing energy action group to prepare for further meetings with the less developed nations and the oil-producing countries plagued the final hours of the meeting. The U.S. and most of the EEC favoured such a preparatory group which France adamantly opposed.

American and West German officials would not count out the possibility that the meeting could spill over to a third day. But French diplomatic sources said they expected a communique would be issued at the conference as scheduled, but indicated they might not sign the joint statement if it contained provisions for the coordinating group.

French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert, stopped by newsmen on his way to a luncheon with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, replied with a "no" when asked if he had changed his position at a caucus of the EEC countries. Asked whether he would sign a communique, Jobert answered: "That depends on what it will say."

The U.S. waited for the Europeans as they met in secret caucus to pull their separate positions together. West German Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt called for unison among the EEC and cooperation with the U.S.

At an important news conference, Schmidt said he would not like to over-dramatize the chances of a split or a breakup of the Common Market, but he regarded the situation as serious enough to warrant a review by leaders of the Nine's governments.

"It is a fact that with one exception we are ready to prepare for a joint meeting with the oil producers," Schmidt said. The audience knew he was referring to France.

On Monday night at a White House dinner for the conference's delegates, President Nixon urged the leaders of the 13 oil-consuming nations in the conference to avoid what he called "isolation in the energy field" by making business deals that are not in the interest of all nations. His remarks appeared directed mainly at France, which has made a number of separate economic deals with oil-producing nations.

He said he was not suggesting that oil-consuming countries should combine together at the expense of oil-producing countries "but if each of the nations goes off on its own, goes into business for itself, the inevitable effect will be to drive the price of energy up, drive our economies down — and it will drive us all apart." *(UPI, AP, Reuter)*

Keating to Eban

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban heard an initial report on the Washington energy conference from U.S. ambassador Kenneth Keating yesterday. Mr. Eban entertained the ambassador to a working lunch in Jerusalem.

They also discussed Israel's economic relations with the European Community, officials said.

French official to push ties with Arabs

PARIS (UPI). — The French Government yesterday named ex-Public Works Minister Albin Chalandon to supervise France's widening cooperation with Arab countries.

Prime Minister Pierre Messmer said that for an initial six-month period Chalandon will head a special Foreign Ministry division in charge of follow-through negotiations with Middle East countries based on preliminary accords worked out by Foreign Minister Michel Jobert.

France has two preliminary oil-for-goods agreements with Saudi Arabia and an industrial deal with Kuwait as well as a $5,000m. energy accord with Iran and expansion plans with Iraq.

Political sources said the appointment meant France has no intention of withdrawing from its announced policy of concluding bilateral deals with oil-producer states despite U.S. criticism.

Meanwhile, the Libyan news agency reported yesterday that a Libyan delegation headed by Industry and Metallurgy Minister Jadallah Azzouz al-Talhi left for Paris yesterday to discuss industrial and oil cooperation with France.

Libyan Prime Minister Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, now in Prague, was expected to join the delegation later in the week.

5 terrorists in Kuwait on strike

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Five Arab terrorists still held here after firebombing an American airliner in Rome last December and hijacking a German plane to Kuwait were yesterday reported on hunger strike.

Two Kuwait newspapers "Al-Rai Al-Aam" and "Al-Watan," said they started refusing food two days ago — just after the end of Kuwait's latest Palestinian terrorist emergency, when gunmen seized the Japanese Embassy.

The director of the Kuwait office of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Ali Yasin, on Monday discussed the matter with the Interior and Defence Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla, and later spent an hour with the five detainees, trying to persuade them to give up their action.

Neither newspaper gave a reason for the men's hunger strike. But there was speculation here that they were protesting their continued detention in Kuwait after a decision they should be handed over to the PLO for trial.

"Al-Rai Al-Aam's" report said it was understood the hand-over would now take place shortly.

British miners in Derby seal up a coal face at Rawden colliery. The air-tight, fire-proof wall seals off coal face where there is danger of spontaneous combustion during a prolonged miners' strike. (AP radiophoto)

British coalminers reject businessmen's pay offer

LONDON. — Miners' leaders yesterday unanimously rejected an offer from worried businessmen who were reported ready to raise some £2m. to boost pay packets if the three-day-old national coal strike were called off.

The 27-man national executive of the miners' union met in special session at their London headquarters to consider the unusual private offer, which was dismissed by Prime Minister Edward Heath as "a vague proposition by people who were unknown to the Government."

The miners' meeting lasted for three hours. The cash offer ran into strong leftwing opposition but apparently allowed the moderates to reopen the question of whether the strike should be suspended, rather than risk damaging the prospects of the Labour Party in the February 28 general election.

The businessmen, who were represented by Godfrey Bradman, a London banker, were reported to have offered £80,000 a day to pay each of the 270,000 miners an extra $1.5 to £2 a week.

The money, in return for an immediate return to normal work would have been paid from March 1, when the present work contract expires, until the Pay Board reports on the miners' claim for extra pay.

On Britain's other troubled industrial front, rail services returned almost to normal. Leaders of the union representing 29,000 rail engineers called off until after the election a nine-week-old overtime ban that has disrupted services. Labour Party leader Harold Wilson had appealed to them to do so. *(Reuter, UP.*

Human Rights unit raps Israel

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The U.N. Commission on Human Rights by a vote of 21-1 has condemned "Israel's policy of annexation, establishment of settlements and transfer of an alien population" in administered Arab territories.

The commission approved a six-power resolution branding Israel's conduct as violating the U.N. Charter, international law and human rights. Nicaragua voted against while Austria, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Britain and the U.S. abstained.

Before the vote on Monday night, Israel observer Jacob Doron attacked the resolution as "a perennial link in the rusty chain of Arab propaganda, but which seeming has to be forged anew at each annual meeting of this commission."

The resolution, sponsored by India, Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia and Tanzania, also called on all countries to see to it that Israel "desists from all acts and policies aimed at changing the physical character and demographic composition of the occupied Arab territories."

Scientists 'see' heart attack damage

NEW YORK (AP). — Scientists at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston have developed a method that enables them for the first time to directly "see" the damage of a heart attack.

The method, reported on Monday to the American College of Cardiology, involves injecting a drug tagged with a radioactive substance into the bloodstream. The drug, tetracycline, settles in dead tissue, producing a "hot spot" that can be seen with routine scanning techniques.

Both the size and the location of the damage to the heart muscle are thus measured directly. Other methods of assessing damage are indirect, such as one new technique that measures the levels of an enzyme released during the process of heart attacks.

The new Boston technique would be useful in confirming that a person did indeed have a heart attack when the evidence is not conclusive. But because the scanning cannot be done until 24 hours after the injection, the method is not yet useful in any immediate attempt to treat and limit the damage.

Dr. B. Leonard Holman, a radiologist at Brigham and the Harvard Medical School, said work is under way to develop other substances that might settle in the damaged tissue sooner.

Since tetracycline settles in all dead tissue, it may also be used to look for tumours in the body that escape other detection, Dr. Holman said.

A newly developed approach to limit heart attack damage was reported last month to the American Heart Association. It involved using drugs to lower the blood pressure of persons stricken with heart attacks. This work, at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, resulted in smaller-than-expected damage spots in 13 of 15 patients.

Japanese ritual suicide over lack of patriotism

TOKYO (AP). — A Japanese youth, disenchanted because he said there is little interest in patriotism, took his life by performing traditional hara-kiri — disembowelment Samurai-style, police reported yesterday.

Masabumi Ohashi, 25, a former student of Kokushikan University, noted as one of Tokyo's nationalistic schools, was found bleeding in the compound of Yasukuni Shrine on Monday night, police said.

Police said he had cut his stomach and throat with a fish knife and left four notes addressed to his parents and friends. Ohashi had written that hardly anyone paid attention to the significance of author Yukio Mishima's death in 1970, police said.

Mishima with members of his private army tried to arouse Self-Defence troops to stage a rebellion in the name of patriotism, failed and committed hara-kiri.

CABLES IN BRIEF

AIRPLANE — Soviet designers are working on a new passenger aircraft called the Yak 42, "Pravda" reported yesterday. The craft, with three engines at the rear, will carry 100 to 120 passengers.

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CALLAS. — After a nine-year absence from the American opera stage, Maria Callas opened a four-month U.S. tour on Monday in Philadelphia to the cheers of a packed house at the Academy of Music.

PFLP says terror acts to continue

BEIRUT (UPI). — The spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said in an interview published yesterday that PFLP terrorists will continue to strike at "imperialist and Zionist interests" anywhere in the world.

The PFLP claimed responsibility, along with the Japanese Red Army, for the recent attack on oil installations in Singapore and the occupation of the Japanese Embassy in Kuwait, which forced the release of the Singapore terrorists.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) said such operations gave the terror movement a bad name and considered suspending the PFLP. But PFLP spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif indicated the closure of the terrorist umbrella organization would not make the PFLP change its tactics.

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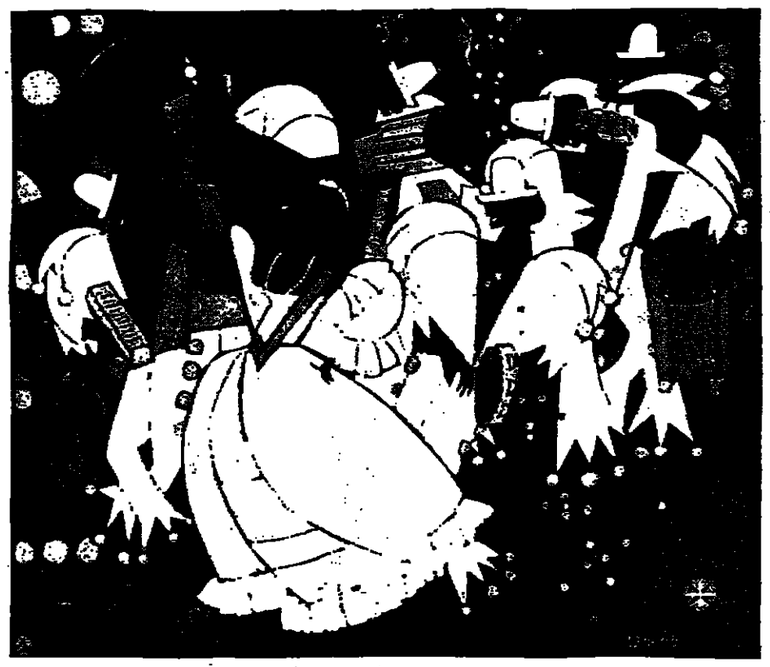

CARNAVAL
Até a metade do século passado, o Carnaval brasileiro era o entrudo brutal e alegre, isto é, uma ocasião em que era lícito jogar um balde d'água em qualquer transeunte, água, farinha, grude, cinza, fuligem, qualquer coisa que fizesse rir. Certa vez, o próprio Imperador D. Pedro II. acabou dentro de um tanque. Do ponto de vista folclórico e etnográfico, o Carnaval é uma sobrevivência de vários elementos da psicologia coletiva. Atualmente impulsionado por esses elementos, estilizado em ranchos, blocos, escolas de samba, etc., com danças e fantasias próprias, é uma onda rítmica em cuja crista borbulham, durante noventa e seis horas, todos os sons e cores que fazem da multidão carnavalesca um imenso espetáculo.

CARNIVAL
Until the middle of the past century the Brazilian Carnival was a gay but somewhat rowdy event. It was an occasion when it was lawful to throw—at anybody passing by—a pot of water, flour, glue, ashes, soot, anything that would make people laugh. Once, even the Emperor D. Pedro II ended up inside a pool. From the folkloric and ethnographic point of view, Carnival is the survivor of various elements of collective psychology. Today these elements are expressed in 96 hours of marches and parades created by samba schools (Carnival clubs)—each with its own dances and costumes. It is a rythmical wave on whose crest bubble all the sounds and colors which make the Carnival crowd a huge spectacle.

VARIG MEANS BRAZIL

Deadly barrage kills 146 in Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH. — Communist-led insurgents have launched their deadliest barrage of artillery fire on Phnom Penh, killing 146 people and wounding more than 200, hospital authorities said yesterday.

Cambodian high command spokesman Col. Am Rong said 73 shells landed on Monday from captured American howitzers south of the Cambodian capital hit a market area one kilometre from the official residence of President Lon Nol.

An estimated 1,000 homes were burned as fire fanned by winds swept through the area for five hours, throwing up huge clouds of smoke.

More than 200 bodies, found among ruins in the burnt-out houses, have been cremated but other bodies still lay on the streets.

Entire families died in the rubble. People fled from their flimsy wood and straw houses while thousands of others tried to enter their homes to recover their belongings.

Hospitals in Phnom Penh reported they were filled to capacity with dead and wounded. Hotels were also loaded with refugees.

The shells began slamming into the city on Monday in a broad daylight attack from an area 10 km. south of the city where the government army has been attempting to drive back the insurgents for nearly three weeks.

The Social Welfare Ministry released urgent communiques over the radio calling on people to take to the ministry any children wandering lost in the capital's streets. Officials said hundreds of children were apparently missing, either after their parents were killed or because they had fled in panic through the streets.

In South Vietnam, the Saigon Government released more Vietcong civilian prisoners yesterday and received 100 South Vietnamese military personnel from the Communists in the third day of a three-week exchange schedule.

The plan calls for more than 4,000 civilian and military prisoners to be exchanged by March 1. The Paris peace agreement called for prisoner release to be completed by nearly a year ago, but it was repeatedly stalled by procedural differences.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

Libyan attempt to find a nat'l costume

ROME (Reuter). — Libya is running a competition to find a national costume.

A Libyan Government advertisement published in yesterday's Italian press offered a first prize of 10,000 dinars (IL160,000) for designs reflecting both "Islamic ethics" and "the spirit of the times."

Other requirements were that the designs, for both men and women, should reflect the national Arab character and that — for women only — they should lend themselves to working conditions.

A Libyan Embassy spokesman said the advertisement was also being run in France and Britain. A number of international designers were being invited to Libya later this month to get the feel of the country. They would later be invited to submit ideas of their own.

Libyan dress at present was either European or descended from Roman or Turkish culture, the spokesman said.

Newly-appointed editor of Cairo's "Al Ahram" newspaper, Aly Amin (left, seated), who has replaced Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, shown at his office with his twin brother, Mustafa. The latter at one time was in jail on charges of spying for the U.S., while Aly, who was abroad then, preferred to stay away from Egypt until his brother was cleared. (AP radiophoto)

Teheran sends Iraq protest over clashes

TEHERAN (UPI). — Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday that Iran has sent a "strong note of protest" to Iraq over Sunday's border clashes.

Iran put its casualties at 41 soldiers dead and 81 wounded and Iraq said it lost 23 men killed.

There were no further reports of clashes which the two countries accused each other of having provoked in an area of frequent skirmishes on the border 160 km. east of Baghdad. The officials described the situation yesterday as calm.

Official Iranian accounts listed 60 incidents last year and 23 in 1972 and described 10 as "major clashes."

The two countries severed diplomatic relations in 1971, after Iran occupied three Persian Gulf islands it claims. Diplomatic relations were resumed recently but Iraq's new ambassador has not yet presented his credentials to the Shah, who is vacationing in Switzerland.

Skylab finished, 1,816 workers to be jobless

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP). — When the Skylab astronauts dropped into the Pacific Ocean on Friday after 84 days in space, 1,816 employers at the Kennedy Space Centre saw their jobs come to an end.

They joined more than 13,000 aerospace workers at the centre who have lost their jobs since 1968, when 26,000 persons were employed during the height of America's space programme. By June 30, the work force at Kennedy will be about 9,450, said a spokesman for the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Some employees will spend their last two weeks on the job moving the Saturn 1B rescue rocket back to the vehicle assembly building, where it will be taken apart and modified for possible use during the 1975 Soviet-American space mission. After that, there will be no more Americans in space until perhaps 1978 or 1979.

Judge 'rendered speechless'
After week — Nixon's subpoena hasn't come

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Court officials disclosed yesterday that the historic subpoena seeking testimony from President Nixon in the Watergate test case had not arrived in Washington — a week after it was posted.

Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer who sent the subpoena by certified mail last Monday told defence lawyers: "I'm rendered speechless." The judge made the remark after the defence lawyers told him they had checked in Washington and were told the document had not arrived.

The judge's clerk, Larry Fidler, said he contacted the U.S. Post Office in an attempt to trace the letter.

Judge Ringer issued the document at the request of defence lawyers for former White House aides John Ehrlichman, David Young and G. Gordon Liddy, who had been indicted by the grand jury here. They are accused of breaking into the office of the psychiatrist of Pentagon papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg in September 1971. The three defendants are seeking President Nixon as a material witness, and he has been asked to testify on February 25.

The White House indicated after the subpoena was issued that the President will not testify in person in the trial. Fidler said post office staff told him it often takes days for delivery.

Meanwhile, the NBC has reported that Richard Helms, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, is to be called to testify before the Senate Watergate committee about the destruction of tapes of conversations with President Nixon.

NBC said Helms, now Ambassador to Iran, will be brought back for closed-door questioning as soon as the Senate returns next week and that his testimony might shed light on the cover-up of the Watergate break-in.

It said the CIA had admitted destroying tape recordings and that at least some of the tapes concerned conversations between Helms and the President that were ordered destroyed by Helms.

Rating for Congress, Nixon goes lower

NEW YORK (AP). — The Harris survey reported yesterday that a record 69 per cent of Americans give Congress a negative rating. The lowest mark was for its handling of inflation.

To the question, "How do you rate the job the Congress is doing?" 69 per cent said fair or poor, 21 per cent said good or excellent and 10 per cent were not sure.

The Harris survey said it reflected the lowest esteem for the Federal legislative branch in more than 10 years of polling Americans about the standing of that body.

It was also lower than the latest Harris survey job-rating for President Nixon, also at its lowest level. That poll was 68-20 per cent negative.

Court to rule on Pius and Nazi slaughter

ROME (UPI). — A criminal court here agreed yesterday to rule on the controversial question of whether Pope Pius XII could have averted the Nazi reprisal slaughter of 335 Romans during World War II.

"It is the first time that an Italian court will judge the actions of a Pope," public prosecutor Giorgio Santacroce said.

A panel of three magistrates set March 5 for trial of a defamation suit brought by a niece of the late Pontiff against the film "Massacre in Rome," which contended that Pius might have been able to prevent the killings but chose not to for political reasons.

"In order to resolve the suit, the court will have to decide first if the Pope knew in advance of the Nazi plan and secondly if he could have intervened," Santacroce said outside the courtroom.

The Pope's niece, Contessa Elena Rossignani, 58, of Rome, brought charges of defaming the Pontiff and offending his memory against the film, the book on which it was based, producer Carlo Ponti, director George Pan Cosmatos and author Gobert Katz.

The movie and the 1967 book "Death in Rome" are detailed accounts of the partisan killing on March 23, 1944 of 32 German S.S. police as they marched through Via Rasella in the heart of Rome and the Nazi execution of 335 Roman men and boys the next day.

Author Katz, 40, a Brooklyn-born historian who lives in Rome, wrote that "Pope Pius XII chose to do nothing in full awareness that action by him might prevent reprisal."

Anna Q. Nilsson, actress, at 85

HEMET, California (AP). — Swedish-born actress Anna Q. Nilsson, whose silent film career was cut short in the 1920s by a horse-riding injury, died on Monday. She was 85.

She died at the Hemet convalescent hospital, where she had been for about a year.

She was born in Ystad, Sweden. In the late 1940s, 19 years after she was injured in a fall from a horse, Miss Nilsson started a film comeback that was interrupted when she suffered minor injuries in a motor accident.

Arias tells Spaniards more freedom coming

MADRID (UPI). — Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro said yesterday that 81-year-old Generalissimo Francisco Franco can no longer carry the sole responsibility for political innovation, and offered Spaniards a programme of greater freedoms designed to involve them more in the nation's affairs.

In the field of innovation, Franco "has done everything and sustained everything until now," Arias said in a nationally broadcast speech in Parliament.

"Let us assume our roles of joint responsibility — roles which we invite 34 million Spaniards to fill. We only exclude those who exclude themselves."

In what some Spanish commentators called the most liberal speech of a Spanish leader in the 35 years of Franco's regime, Arias also threw his full support behind King-designate Juan Carlos de Borbon, 36.

The Prime Minister said Franco's designated successor was fully prepared to ascend to the vacant Spanish throne "the sad and inexorable day when Franco is no longer by our side" and would act as a moderator between the nation's political forces.

Arias, successor to Premier Luis Carrero Blanco, assassinated seven weeks ago, said all political progress would have to be based on 35 years of "Franco's peace" and notions of making a start from scratch were "barbarous."

To increase participation, Arias said his government will shortly present legislation permitting the creation of political associations in Spain. Such associations would fall short of being political parties, which are outlawed in Spain, but provide a sounding board for different political opinions and a breeding ground for future political leaders, officials said.

'Don't you dare shoot my policeman' — and he didn't

LONDON (AP). — A policeman chasing a gang of bank robbers through a South London street pulled up short when one of them turned and pointed a shotgun at him at close range. But the raider fled in confusion when a woman bystander shouted: "Don't you shoot my policeman."

Constable Graham McClarty said later: "When I faced the shotgun my mind just went blank." McClarty, who like all British policemen was unarmed, normally directs traffic in the area.

He said, "I suppose most of the mothers in the area got to know me. "I don't personally know the woman who shouted, but I will be eternally grateful to her."

Police said they would keep the woman's identity secret as "she is our best witness. She was able to give us a full description of the gang." The five-robbers got away with £4,000 in the raid on Monday in Kennington.

UK gets 'consultation first' accord from US on island base

WASHINGTON (AP). — British Prime Minister Edward Heath refused to approve expansion of the U.S. military base on British-owned Diego Garcia Island in the Indian Ocean until he got a written guarantee of consultation before the facilities are used in any crisis situation, "U.S. News and World Report" says in its latest issue.

The magazine says, "Mr. Heath is still resentful because Britain wasn't consulted by President Nixon when a worldwide alert of American forces, including those based in Britain, was ordered during the Mideast War last autumn."

Hearsts hear recorded voice of kidnapped daughter

BERKELEY, California (AP). — The tape-recorded voice of kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst assured her family yesterday that she was well. A letter accompanying the soft, strained voice demanded free food for California's poor and aged.

The Symbionese Liberation Army, which has claimed responsibility for kidnapping the 19-year-old co-ed on February 4, said in the letter she was abducted "for crimes her mother and father have committed against the American people and the people of the world."

Her father, Randolph Hearst, is president and editor of the "San Francisco Examiner" and chairman of the Hearst Corp. Her mother, Catherine, is a regent of the University of California.

In the tape sent to Berkeley radio station KPFA, a black man identified only as "Sing" said he was "quite willing to carry out execution of your daughter to save the starving and exploitations of thousands of men and women of all races."

Her captors said that, before they negotiate for Miss Hearst's release, her family must supply $70 worth of free meat, vegetables and fruits for every needy Californian over a four-week period beginning February 19.

"Mom and Dad, I'm okay," said the slow, deliberate voice of Miss Hearst. "I think you can really tell I'm not terrified or anything. These people have been very honest with me... they are perfectly willing to die for what they do... I want to get out of here but the only way is if you do what they say, and do it quickly."

Chauffeur cleared in Black September case

VIENNA (Reuter). — An Austrian chauffeur was cleared here yesterday of harbouring three Black September terrorists who received suspended prison sentences last year for carrying forged Israel passports.

The chauffeur, Leopold Engelke, 26, told the court that at the request of a Jordanian businessman, introduced to him by a friend, he let the three men stay in his flat for four days and later drove them to a spot near the Italian border. A judge said it was possible that Engelke had not understood what the three Arabs were saying.

BRUCE. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has temporarily recalled Ambassador Davis Bruce from Peking to serve as adviser on Atlantic problems, the State Department said yesterday.

Train robber Biggs to fight extradition

BRASILIA (UPI). — Great train robber Ronald Biggs will fight extradition to Britain, where he is wanted for the 1963 robbery and the 1965 jail escape, he has told newsmen.

Biggs said he believed a British newspaper editor had informed British police as to his whereabouts and that two Scotland Yard detectives tried to get him out of Brazil without informing the local authorities.

He said he had been making an "honest" living as a decorator in Brazil for the past three years.

Biggs was arrested on February 1 in Rio de Janeiro and later taken to Brasilia under strict security guard.

Biggs said "I don't want to return to England and Brazilian laws block extradition now that I am going to be the father of a Brazilian child." He said he wanted to be with his pregnant girl friend, Raymunda de Castro, and that he would ask to be sent to Algeria rather than be extradited to Britain.

Asked what he had done with his share of the £2.6m. from the train robbery, Biggs said "What money?" He said he could account for the money he earned in "honest work as a decorator in Brazil."

He said Scotland Yard detectives Jack Slipper and Elton Jones had attempted to take him out of the country without notifying Brazilian police. He said that their investigation was discovered by both the Brazilian authorities and agents from Interpol.

He said Scotland Yard became aware of his Brazilian life after he agreed to an interview with Colin Mackenzie of the London "Daily Express." He said that Mackenzie told his editor on the newspaper that he was leaving for Brazil for the interview and "that is why I think it was him (the editor) who told Scotland Yard."

Yesterday Mrs. Charmian Brent, wife of Biggs, flew to Brazil from New York to see her husband. The red-haired Mrs. Brent was accompanied by two unidentified male companions.

She has been living in Australia and changed her name from Biggs to Brent four years ago.

Trial of 'modern Mafia' men starts in Sicily

PALERMO, Sicily (Reuter). — The trial of 76 alleged Mafia members opened here yesterday as part of a determined effort by Italian justice authorities to strike a crippling blow at the bloody activities of the modern Mafia.

Some of Sicily's most dangerous and feared men are standing trial. Of the 76 accused 28 are in prison, confined to isolated villages or islands and 10 are on the run.

The man police consider one of the most dangerous — Luciano Liggio — is one of the 10, as well as Salvatore Greco, both alleged Mafia bosses who in the early 1960s dominated whole areas of the island. Liggio was condemned in his absence to life imprisonment in 1970.

Magistrates believe that the men on trial are the backbone of the "new Mafia," the latest manifestation of the deadly Sicilian criminal society considered to be more savage, diversified and highly organised than ever before.

In the past the Sicilian tradition of *omerta* — silence for fear of reprisals — has always made it extremely difficult for police to find witnesses of specific crimes such as Mafia executions.

That is why all those on trial have been charged with association to commit a crime and carrying weapons, offences which are easier to prove than murder.

The group were rounded up in a large-scale police sweep against the Mafia following the sensational daylight slaying of Palermo's chief public prosecutor, Dr. Pietro Scaglione, and his chauffer in a hail of machinegun fire in 1971.

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STYLES AND SOCIAL CHANGES

Bustling Fashion Week

By MARJA WOLSKA
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MORE bustle and more foreign languages than the pessimists might have expected marked the opening of the 10th Fashion Week on Monday morning. The corridors of the 3rd to 6th floors of the Tel Aviv Hilton were frequently jammed, and the elevators just as crowded as in the good old days.

In the evening, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev gave a reception in the ballroom. The theme was a "kibbutz evening," with ample portions of salads, vegetables, cakes — and recently desubsidized cheese.

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PHILOSOPHICAL discussions on the fate of mankind have not been the usual thing during past Fashion Weeks. This time it was different — and, in the circumstances, perfectly appropriate against a background of embroidery-trimmed blouses, synthetic separates, and models dashing into changing rooms.

"Social changes, sometimes cataclysmic, are taking place everywhere in the world — not just in England." The lilting British voice came from behind a stand holding floor-length resort dresses, and belonged to the Separates Buyer from Selfridge's, of London. Mary Brogan, charming and creamy complexioned, is a veteran visitor to Israel, coming here regularly twice a year. Her business involves skirts, tops, and slacks — but, having arrived from England during a thunderstorm the night before, she was looking at the world beyond separates.

Fashion, she thought, is now reflecting the fact that "we are going back to simple, timeless, even rustic things — back to the land." With the world as it is today, "we must take time to stop — which we've never done before — and take stock of ourselves, of our lives, about ourselves as human beings."

Impressively unusual comments in a buyer's showroom; but this Fashion Week was marked by less nonsense and more realism than ever previously — both in the style of the fashions and in the style of the participants.

But of course, business vocabulary prevailed — and even on the first day. More frequent comments were along the lines of "Could we have it as it is, but with a V-neck?"... "The only sample is still at the factory."... or "That depends on the customs duty"...

Another new firm, "Jerupack," presently of Tel Aviv but destined eventually to move to Jerusalem, is a company with factories in Paris ("Parispack") and Rome and selling as well in England and Germany, specializes in tote-bags or carry-alls in such fabrics as burlap or canvas, imprinted with the name of the shop where you made your purchase

"We opened our factory here, with 15 workers, just three months before the war, and though there have been difficulties, we have continued throughout with production," said Mr. Roberto Talebe, pointing to the imprinted bags which represent his elegant customers throughout the world — Browns of London, several shops in the Champs Elysee, and even "Lion in the Sun" of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

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MR. and Mrs. Vilders, a smiling young Dutch couple, were shopping for their store, "Fem." Objects of their interest: new leather sources; Niba, for separates; and the at-home and resort line of Rikma, designed by Rojy Ben-Joseph.

"Price is not too crucial, for shops that carry the better merchandise," said Mr. Vilders. Yes, he has bought Rikma styles before, and yes, they sell very well in Leiden. The Rikma rooms were, as usual, the target for buyers, journalists, and photographers; Rojy Ben-Joseph attracts — and deserves — all the publicity she can handle, and is in no need of further doses.

But in this case, the events were rather special — though nobody looking at the collection would guess it. "I had a very nice collection three weeks ago. It was all burned," said Rojy, whose fire-red hair tops one of the most creative fashion minds in Israel — or judging from her export success, anywhere else for that matter.

"The fire was at the Moller textile works in Nahariya, and I must say that some very nice things of ours went up in smoke.

Rojy's way of rising above the conflagration — and the knock-out styles on display, which range from lurex-on-towelling to co-ordinated embroidery-with-prints-with-woven-strings to casual tops to maxis — is, in an unusually successful nutshell, what this Fashion Week is all about.

Man's double-breasted carcoat by Salpeter is imitation leather with notched pile collar. Striped velvet wrap coat is bound all around with fake fur trim.

Jeans-suits by Lahav: here a two-piece ensemble with lapelled jacket, his a light-weight Chambray Safari jacket.

A printed smock with contrasting pockets, cuffs and collars, by Lahav for the young set. Charming when worn with flaired pants.

An Elmo Acrilan woman's knit in brown-pink-white; shawl collar and belt. The cardigan is tied smartly at the waist.

Alaska-Galeet shirt in imitation suede trimmed with imitation leather, matched with straight pants. Very new looking is the print on the leather.

His and hers outfits by Lahav in printed flannel. Lahav had a special fashion showing yesterday at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Iris Knitwear's three-piece co-ordinating tweedy knit slacks, striped cardigan and sweater.

Pants suit by Alaska-Galeet in a new suede-look fabric with double face. Stitching colour matches the fake fur.

At the Cinema

'KID BLUE'

"Kid Blue" (Paris, Tel Aviv), is a non-violent Western which mixes satire, straight comedy and sentiment in an original manner. For its director, James Frawley, this is only his second feature-film after a long apprenticeship in American TV.

Dennis Hopper, of "Easy Rider" fame, rather underplays the role of a train robber who tries to go straight in the Texas of 1902. The story tells of the series of misadventures which befall him while looking for congenial work in the small town of Dime Box. He finds it hard to be accepted by the intolerant and suspicious local citizens but makes friends with three landless Comanche Indians, "outsiders" like himself in the new industrial revolution sweeping away the old West, and with a wild-eyed, tub-thumping evangelist (another perfect vehicle for Peter Boyle's eccentric talents). In addition, there are good performances from Warren Oates, Ben Johnson, Janice Rule and Lee Purcell, in her first major screen part.

Chief cameraman Billy Williams ("Women in Love"), Oscar-winning costumier Theodora Van Runkle and production designer Joel Schiller have combined their skills to help the director achieve a feeling of real authenticity in his recreation of a small Texan community at the turn of the century. However "Kid Blue" fails to satisfy completely because the plot is both too leisurely and too episodic. Recommended, nevertheless. J.L.

Holland honoured

A special volume of the Jewish National Fund Golden Book, dedicated to entries in honour of the stand of the Dutch people against the oil embargo, is being put together and eventually will be presented to the Queen of the Netherlands. The donation was made by veterans of the Third Battalion of the Jewish Brigade who served in Holland during the Second World War.

Israel photographer exhibited in N.Y.

Farmer in County Donegal.

"Faces of Ireland," a collection of black-and-white photographs by Yoram Lehmann, is an exhibit at the American Greetings Gallery in New York City until February 19. The photographs, which were taken during 1970 and 1971, reflect the contrasts and conflicts of a strife-torn country.

"I was sent to Ireland on a commercial assignment in 1969 and was fascinated by the expressiveness of people's faces," says Yoram, whose subjects include people making their way up Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain, on their annual pilgrimage; farm workers in Counties Donegal and Mayo; bookies at The Curragh in County Kildare; the Anglo-Irish gentry at the races in Leopardstown; people of the Aran Islands; and demonstrators for the women's liberation movement in Dublin.

Mr. Lehmann was born in Israel in 1939. He began his career as a photographer working with Jerusalem photographer Alfred Bernheim, and then for the French Archaeological Mission.

In 1966, he came to the US and worked as an assistant to Richard Avedon; but he returned to Israel to serve in the Six Day War.

Some of Lehmann's Israel photographs are included in the First Triennal for Photography now at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. These photographs, which will be the subject of a book, are being exhibited around the world, and will be shown in New York during 197-

VISITORS GALLERY

Edward Smith: Artist who 'goes where the action is'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EDWARD Smith — a tall, rugged, adventure-loving artist of 50 — "likes to be where the action is" and therefore spent the last two months watching, drawing and painting post-war life in Israel. The results will be sold at an art show in Sydney, Australia, for the Jewish National Fund of New South Wales — which sponsored Mr. Smith's trip.

"I specialize in this sort of thing," the native New Yorker, who currently lives in Sydney but has "no permanent home," told me when we met in Tel Aviv on the last day of his stay here. "I was here for two years from 1968 to '70, drawing around the Dead Sea area. I went to Pakistan, to Bangaladesh, to wherever it's happening." All he asks for is some organization willing to pay his fare and expenses and to give him the official backing he needs to visit places which interest him.

"They're perfectly welcome to the pictures and the profits. What I get out of the deal is the sheer satisfaction and fun of travelling — of sitting in some dirty cafe and trying to realize, and sketch what I see — of graphically reporting what people are doing and how they are living. I'm not a journalist but I think there is still room for the old-fashioned type of visual reportage."

The Jewish National Fund requested pictures of "reconstruction in Israel," primarily the new forests and other J.N.F. projects. "But I also did pictures of burnt tanks, a sketch of Masada — that was mostly for my own sentimental reasons — the souk in the Old City, groups of soldiers, you name it. I worked in the cold and the wet and the snow; I got stuck in a place like Rosh Pina for four hours waiting for a bus — this is what I enjoy doing."

Between adventures, Mr. Smith teaches art or paints in his studio — wherever he happens to be living — for his own profit. "Then these adventure trips help because people remember me from the publicity I get... There aren't many artists my age who can roam around the way I do. Most of them have families to support. Even I'm not getting younger and I suppose I won't be able to do it much longer."

He describes his work as realistic; a tree is immediately recognizable as a tree. This is partially because "this is me" and partially because his trips are always sponsored by organizations who want to use his pictures as a means of telling their own story. But this does not b Mr. Smith. Painting forests i rael to demonstrate the wor the J.N.F. is far more intere than doing art work for som cal advertising campaign in Sy or wherever he may be living particular time.

"A lot of the Jews tease about being a better Zionist they are because I am very in favour of Israel." Mr. S who is of mixed Catholic-Prote ancestry, does not practise any ticular religion.

"I think the Jews have as m right as anyone else to want tional homeland and it's obviou the homeland has to be here Israel is a European encla highly technical, organized peo organized in a slightly chaotic but nevertheless organized. W you put a society like this i midst of an otherwise almost dieval part of the world, you to anticipate trouble. If I w Jew I would not feel compell live here, because I believe world is our oyster and that shouldn't restrict ourselves be of having been born into a cular religion or nationality. I can understand why the Jew at least some of them, feel ferently."

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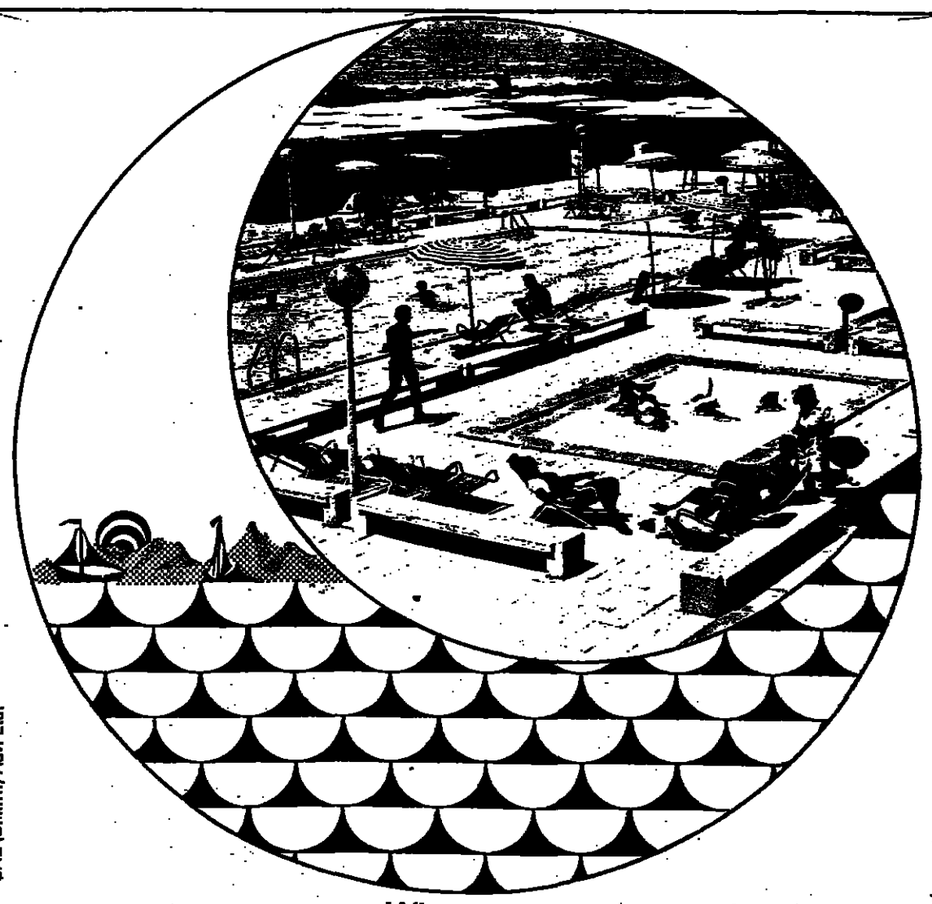

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Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the Most Preferred Product Poll:

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By MOSHE SHALEV

"Exactly now, when the economy is passing through a difficult period, is the time to encourage the "good product concept." I quote from remarks made by Mr. Gideon Lahav, Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, to this reporter, in a conversation in which Mr. Lahav expressed his high regard for the Most Preferred Product Poll, conducted on behalf of *Yediot Aharonot*.

Mr. Lahav considered that the Poll introduces into the economy a most important element of competition, this helping to make the manufacturer conscious of the idea of product quality.

Dr. Yosef Lamm, Chairman of the National Consumers' Council, told me that the Most Preferred Product Poll gives expression to the consumer's preferences. This is not confined to questions of price — it also covers product quality, the way products are presented, and the standard of the associated service. As a result, the Poll encourages a more comprehensive picture of marketing and retailing. He expressed his esteem for *Yediot Aharonot* for taking this initiative. In his opinion, it is important that this Poll, which was started 19 years ago, is conducted by an independent body.

Nuzhat Katzav, M.K., Chairman of the Histadrut's Consumer Authority, said that the Most Preferred Product Poll contributes to the idea of quality. She added that it would be desirable to mount a continuous information campaign, as an adjunct of the Poll, since it was necessary to explain to the consumer that to buy quality is not necessarily to buy dear. There are sometimes cheap products of good quality. This is an important point, at the present time, when the amount of money the consumer has to spend is limited.

Mr. Moshe Perlok, the Secretary of the Merchants Association, indicated that the Most Preferred Product Poll is in the best interests of businessmen, since they are interested in the public buying quality products. The trader in the "front line," who deals with the public, wants his customers to be satisfied. Any guidance given the consumer on how to buy is desirable, and he therefore supports the Poll.

The importance of the Most Preferred Product Poll was emphasized by the Secretary of the Commerce Federation, Mr. Ya'acov Yisraeli.

The Poll was summed up by Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, the Prices Supervisor in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry: "If the public is more aware of questions of quality and price, it will be to the benefit of all branches of the economy, and in the first place, to the consumers themselves."

Distribution of certificates for the Most Preferred Product Poll, 1974, in Tel Aviv city hall. Right to left — retiring Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, advertising man, Ze'ev Sacher, member of the Board of Directors of Yediot Aharonot, Alexander Moses, and Chairman of the Advertising Association, Haim Peled. Left: some of the winners

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FARAG PHOTO STUDIOS Photo studios
IWANIR Women's fashion house, Tel Aviv
KATZ FLOWERS Flower shop, Tel Aviv
MARS Furniture store, Tel Aviv
MASKIT Decorative handcrafts
PELTOURS Travel and tourist agents
SALON MERKAZI Electrical appliances, Tel Aviv
SHALOM STORES Department store, Tel Aviv
SHOSHANIM HALLS Hall for weddings, Tel Aviv
SHOMREI MISHKAL Slimming institute
STEIMATZKY Bookstores
ZION Restaurant, Tel Aviv

THE COMPANIES THAT WON FIRST PLACE IN THE '1974 MOST PREFERRED PRODUCT POLL' CONDUCTED BY 'YEDIOT AHARONOT,' IN COOPERATION WITH SACHER ADVERTISING LTD.

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An advertising section

MOST PREFERRED PRODUCT POLL - 1974

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NO WAR ANY MORE

Peace - a new preferred product for advertising

By ZE'EV SACHER

"This year, as usual, we held the Most Preferred Product Poll." Despite the emergency situation, the poll takers were out all over the country, to seek the opinion of the public, the largest, most varied panel of judges in Israel. And the public indicated those whom *it considered manufactured and sold honestly*, by choosing their products as "Most Preferred."

Ze'ev Sacher

The nineteen year old tradition of the Poll has not been broken. We are all trying to present an appearance conforming to the English idea, "business as usual." In fact, we all deeply feel the present situation; all branches of the economy, particularly the advertising branch, are influenced by the situation. While sketching out advertisements, our inward eyes are on Geneva, and our thoughts dwell on what can be expected from the conference. The advertising man's task of furthering the development of national and international trade can proceed to some effect, only during peacetime. The financial and production branches, and with them, the advertising branch, are severely affected in times of war. The question arises — should advertising people, and not only those in Israel, stand by passively and wait for problems to be solved from above, wait until the situation clarifies, or should they make a contribution towards improving the situation.

Whether the fact is obvious or not, this generation is the advertising generation. A manufacturer can produce the best possible goods, provide the best possible service, and not be successful, unless he knows how, by means of appropriate advertising, to convince the public of the advantages of his products and services. However, the time when advertising was restricted to promoting products and services is passed. As is appropriate in the advertising generation, advertising circles in Israel and abroad have been charged with moulding public opinion in matters of politics and public affairs, by means of public relations activities aimed at promoting various public organizations and political parties, and by means of election propaganda. Only peace, the most recalcitrant problem in Israel and abroad, awaits the benefit of suitable advertising; only peace has not yet received a fillip from advertising and publicity.

SEPARATION OF OPINIONS

At this time, when the separation of forces is in the news, and the smells of blood and oil are strong, we are witness to a separation of opinions between governments and the peoples they govern. Governments that give in to the oil blackmail, while disregarding the opinion of their peoples, are capable of pursuing this course up to a known limit. If public opinion is strengthened to the point where it becomes public pressure, no government can resist it, even in the less democratic countries. The moulding of public opinion in this way can be accomplished by publicity and information drives, the apparatus for which is currently lacking. Advertising and publicity have not yet been used in information drives to create an anti-war public opinion, nor have they yet been utilized efficiently and seriously on an international scale, in an information drive to promote peace. At the end of 1967, I published an article in the organ of the Israel Advertisers Association, and in the paper, "International Outlook," in which I advocated the mounting of Peace Advertising Campaigns (P.A.C.). My suggestion was that P.A.C. should be run by the world's best brains in the fields of advertising, economics, religion, education, psychology, mass communications, and sociology; that anti-war information drives be run in the countries harbouring the foci of war. P.A.C. would promote among the citizens of these countries the idea that war games are not worthwhile; that it is more important to invest resources of power, capital, and production capability in the improvement of the economic and cultural lot of the people, than in sword sharpening.

P.A.C. will foster in the public the idea that it is for the public to oppose war at every place in the world, otherwise, war may start at any point in the world.

It is a general truth that life is dear to all. No family — in Cairo, Tel Aviv or Moscow — wishes to be destroyed, wishes to suffer losses, wishes to have orphans, widows, bereaved parents. It would be the task of P.A.C. to bring home this fact, which tends to get lost in the roar of cannon.

The initiative for the establishment of P.A.C. must *come from Israel*. I really believe that out of Zion will go forth the law — that Jerusalem will become a spiritual centre in which will be proclaimed the good news of peace. The P.A.C. programme is ambitious and would be difficult to implement, but it is not fanciful. Not long ago, the conquest of space and the landing of man on the moon were regarded as fanciful. We are children of a generation in which miracles happen, in which Utopia can be achieved.

I quote the words of General Later de Satini: "No man has ever made history, except from aspirations. All history is aspirations. That is how reality is forged."

If you will — it is no delusion.

SALON MERKAZI

BEIT EL-AL

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17 Rehov Herzl, Unico Passage, Tel. 057-6135
HAIFA
2 Rehov Herzl, Tel. 04-663756

MY MOTHER ALWAYS CHOOSES

Solog

This is the 8th consecutive year that Solog knits for children and youth have won first place in the Most Preferred Product Poll

Solog loves children..!

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE —

THE ZION RESTAURANT

Popularly acclaimed as the best restaurant in Israel

The ex-Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo, Mr. Y. Rabinowitz, handing Mr. Zion [illegible] owner of the ZION Restaurant, the certificate testifying the choice of [illegible] restaurant as the most preferred establishment in the restaurant branch.

This is the fourth straight year that the ZION has received the highest accolade awarded to restaurants. The restaurant's courteous service and superior cuisine have again been the means of securing it the title "most preferred and best" restaurant in the 1974 public opinion poll.

THE MOST PREFERRED PRODUCT 74

TIP-kleen's washing powder for washing machines, won first place.

Kleaning Paste — kleen's general cleaning paste for pots and silverware won first place.

Kleen's products are the winners

THERMOIL

HOT WATER SUPPLY

24 HOURS A DAY

HAMAT WON AGAIN THE MOST PREFERRED PRODUCT POPULARITY POLL 1974

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forum PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chairman of the Advertising Association:

THE INFLUENCE OF THE WAR ON PRODUCT DEMAND WILL BE FULLY FELT IN 1974

Forecast for advertising this year — IL160 million; last year —IL200 million

Benny Gaon

The Most Preferred Product Poll, conducted on behalf of "Yediot Aharonot" and advertising man Ze'ev Sacher, has long been a permanent feature of the advertising landscape in Israel.

This is a result of the consistent performance of those responsible for the Poll, and the credibility of the Poll in the eyes of both manufacturers and the public.

One of the problems faced by a company that advertises is the measurement of the efficacy of its advertising, and the determination of the effectiveness of advertising in the various media, in order to achieve a proper allocation of resources between media.

The economic forecasts for consumption for the year ahead of us are contradictory and unclear.

There can be no doubt that the economic consequences of the October War on Product Demand will be expressed in 1974. Accordingly, it will be to the advantage of every manufacturing plant catering to product demand to adapt itself in the present financial year to realistic sales forecasts and associated expense estimates, corresponding to the scope of its activities.

Advertising is one of the basic components of sales expenses, and the establishment of objectives to be sought by advertising is an essential task to be performed by the company putting out the advertising.

The overall forecasts for advertising in the various media in fiscal 1974 indicate a volume of about IL160, compared with IL200 in 1973.

MEDIA SELECTION

Taking into account the overall rise in the cost of advertising in the different media, I estimate that a 25 per cent reduction in overall advertising volume will occur in 1974. This reduction must bring about the exercise of selection when deciding on a medium to carry advertising, and the correct use of the different media. We may expect more sales advertising and less prestige advertising, i.e., a more direct approach.

The concept, "Preferred Product," gives recognition to the public's awareness of distinctiveness and quality.

Other manufacturers who have not won recognition are influenced to seek consumer recognition, an essential ingredient of sales success, and the emergence of the manufacturer and marketer as a successful enterprise.

ADVERTISING MOTIVE

This advantage is the motive for product advertising.

The mood of the public this year will undoubtedly be reflected in the appearance and content of advertisements. It follows that advertising has a decisive influence on the mood of the public, and advertisers would be well advised to support the movement towards a certain normalization in the advertising field. This will be to their own good, and to the good of the media and the public.

Presented by the Israel Advertising Association

ACTIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Bordeaux Jews show support for Israel

By LILI BAT AHARON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BORDEAUX. — FROM the street, the building is hardly noticeable, its stained portal not so different from those of its stucco neighbours. But once inside, the visitor quickly sees that this 18th century house, with its geometrically-designed marble floors, its delicate Chinese-panelled doors, and the discreet little garden with its Marie Antoinette tryst pavilion is special.

The two-storey building one block away from Bordeaux Harbour began life as an archbishopric. Today it houses the varied activities of the local Jewish community, almost all of them Israel-oriented.

Some of these are described in big letters on signs and posters decorating the walls: "Support Israel." "Solidarity with Israel." "Jewish high school students! The Israel economy needs you. Volunteer for work in Israel. Next departure..."

At a desk in the hall, a young girl sells you a set of postcards: the drawing of a dove holding an olive branch on a background of blue, with the inscription "Paix pour Israel." These go well as decorations for car windshields...

ALIYA DAY

You might just happen to walk in on a Hebrew class or on a lecture concerning a recently published book "The truth about the Israel-Arab conflict." Also programmed for the same week are Aliya Day, a talk on Theodor Herzl, an expose on "The realities of Israel after Yom Kippur '73." There are dinners, dances and discussions of press reaction to the latest developments in Israel.

We happened to walk in on the weekend of the opening of the annual Israel fund-raising function. We were impressed by the size of the crowd. They came from all walks of life from the city of Bordeaux and from the neighbouring towns of La Rochelle, known for its large harbour, and from Perigord, famous for its goose liver and truffles. The truffles are indigenous to Perigord, but much of the goose-liver is regularly imported from Israel.

Particularly impressive was the high proportion of young people active in the work of fund-raising.

We were eyewitnesses to a dramatic departure from the normal anonymous fund-pledging and this meeting will certainly go down in French Jewish history. After being addressed by Yaakov Gilead, national director of the "Magbit," and by Ephraim Eylon, Israel Minister to Belgium and Luxemburg, the local Jewish dignitaries, under a dynamic young president, turned tables on tradition.

At first, hesitantly, then loudly and proudly as the idea gained ground, the Jewish community leaders responded to their names, one by one, and announced to others — and to themselves — the sums by which they identified with their people.

This had never before been done in Bordeaux. Some feared a fiasco, others worried about the "propriety" of this method.

The concrete result: a 1974 pledge which topped by 35 per cent the sum collected in the 1973 regular and emergency appeal.

The house that was once an Archbishop's residence is today the centre of Jewish identification with Israel.

"Eight teenagers have already left as volunteers for Israel. Of these, four are planning to settle there," says Solomon Bitton, 37-year-old director of the community centre, to which some 200 of the 750 Jewish families living in Bordeaux belong.

Born in Morocco, dynamic bearded Bitton has served in Bordeaux only for the past two of the six years the centre has been in existence. Before that he was attached to the education department of the Jewish Agency in Paris, after spending a year in Israel at the Overseas Instructors' Institute.

NORTH AFRICA

Like Bitton, some 95 per cent of the Jewish community of Bordeaux stems from North Africa. Most of them immigrated from Algeria during the dramatic events of seven years ago. But, according to the "Jewish Guide of France," there have been Jews in Bordeaux since the 9th century. One of the longest streets in the city is called "Rue Judaique." Once a residential street, it is today a business centre.

In the Middle Ages Jews from Portugal influenced the character of Jewish Bordeaux. The local Jewish cemetery is full of names like Perez and Pereira. Today, only a handful of the original Portuguese families remain, among them the Leon family, a member of which is the present president of the Bordeaux Jewish community.

The Portuguese Jews have left a vivid witness to their faded greatness: the beautiful Portuguese synagogue with its majestic proportions, its two Tablets of the Law above the roof and its Jewish-motif stained glass windows.

NATIONAL MONUMENT

An outdoor plaque lists the names of some 300 Jews who were rounded up in this synagogue and deported by the Nazis. Because of its special beauty and architecture, the synagogue is due to be declared a national monument by the French government on its 100th anniversary in ten years' time.

Few people outside of Bordeaux are aware of another tragedy recorded in the local Jewish cemetery. An inscription on a simple gravestone tells the story of a profound personal tragedy: "Here lie Hans and Pauline Herzl, children of Theodor Herzl, founder of the Jewish State."

Pauline Herzl, who, like her brother Hans, had been converted to Christianity, died near Bordeaux in the '30s. Before her death, she expressed the wish to be buried in a Jewish cemetery. A week after he had attended his sister's funeral, Hans took his life in a Bordeaux hotel room, leaving a letter asking to be buried next to Pauline. The inscription on the previously nondescript gravestone was placed there at the initiative of Yaakov Tsur when he was Israel Ambassador to France.

Why population dispersal plans have not worked

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Plans for decentralizing Israel's population during the last 25 years have not been successful — despite considerable efforts by the Government, according to a study by Ruth Silberberg, of the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority.

Two peripheral zones expanded as planned, Jerusalem and the South. The latter grew impressively, from an almost total absence of Jewish inhabitants in 1948 (0.9 per cent of the Jewish population) to 12.2 per cent in 1972.

But the Jewish population in Galilee and the North did not manage to keep up (declining from 28.7 to 24.8 per cent). What growth there was took place mainly in the coastal cities, including Nahariya and Acre. Population balance between Jew and Arab in the Galilee has changed adversely.

Since the mid-'sixties, population dispersal in general has stalled. One reason is that only the Government pushes economic growth in the development areas. Private enterprise is focused in the coastal strip and the big cities.

Also, agricultural villages have declined proportionately — owing to an exceptional increase in farm productivity. Thus Jewish town population has risen since the mid-1950s from 80 to 90 per cent of the total.

Miss Silberberg adds an important point, that although living standards have improved in the development areas, they lag in the coastal zone. Social services and commercial facilities are relatively backward. An important cause is a fault in planning. The creation of 30 new townships was excessive. Resources were spread too thin, and only one-third of the towns have reached a population of 20,000.

It is urgent to resume the process of decentralization, she urges — if only because over-crowding in the Tel Aviv and coastal zones will necessitate huge expenditures on public transport, refuse disposal and other ecological measures.

An effort is needed in the Galilee and the Negev to improve housing conditions, municipal services, shopping facilities and the use of leisure time, she says.

Anetta, of Salon Anetta, beauty treatments and hairdressing, receiving her 19th first-place certificate from the Mayor of Tel Aviv. (Advt.)

'Killing Defence' in no trump

BRIDGE
By George Levinrew

IN today's deal from a Jerusalem duplicate Dr. Lobel made a rare play that belongs in the category of "Killing Defence." Here are his hand and the dummy:

N—S Vul.

North (D)
♠ A Q
♡ 8 4 2
◇ A K Q 8 6 5
♣ 10 4

Dr. Lobel
West
♠ 8 6 3
♡ A 10 9 5
◇ 9 4 2
♣ 8 7 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1◇	D	2♣	P
3◇	P	3NT	All Pass

The ♡5 was the opening lead and the defence won 4♡ tricks with West on lead for the fifth trick. On the fourth trick a low ♣ had been discarded from dummy. You choose as an attacking lead either a ♣ or a ♠, or would you prefer a ◇? What would you lead and why?

A play of a ◇ would be a passive defence that would get you nowhere and put pressure on partner. The only potential immediate winner might be the ♣A with East, but this is not likely to judge from the bidding. If dealer should have the ♣A,Q there is no defence for the ♠Q could be discarded on the ♣A. If declarer should have the ♠K,J, small, again there is no defence. But partner made a take out double so he must have something in spades. A ♠ lead would probably cause a squeeze on East. South would win with the Ace in dummy and East must hold the ♠K and a ♣, thus enabling South to establish a long ♣, providing he held the Ace. Moreover, from what you see in dummy East's take out double must have included some strength in clubs. So Dr. Lobel led a ♣, preventing a squeeze against his partner, and setting the contract. Here is the full hand:

North
♠ A Q
♡ 8 4 2
◇ A K Q 8 6 5
♣ 10 4

West
♠ 8 6 3
♡ A 10 9 5
◇ 9 4 2
♣ 8 7 3

East
♠ K 9 5 2
♡ K Q 7 6
◇ J 10
♣ K Q 5

South
♠ J 10 7 4
♡ J 3
◇ 7 3
♣ A J 9 6 2

With the defensive ♣ lead declarer could win only one ♣ trick and he was stuck with the ♠A,Q in dummy with East holding the winning ♠. A defensive play to prevent partner being squeezed is rare indeed.

Coming Event

International Bridge Congress Feb. 16-27 at the Hotel Sheraton in Tel Aviv.

Schedule:

Sat., Feb. 16, 5.30 reception; 8.00 Individuals
Sun., Feb. 17, 5.30 Individuals
Mon., Feb. 18, 8.00 Mixed Pairs
Tues., Feb. 19, 5.30 Mixed Pairs
Wed., Thurs., Sat., Feb. 20, 21, 23, 8.00, Teams of Four
Sat., Feb. 23, 8.00 Special one session Pairs
Sun., Feb. 24, 5.30, Open Pairs
Mon., Feb. 25, 8.00 Open Pairs
Tues., Feb. 26, 5.30, Open Pairs
Wed., Feb. 27, 8.00 Masters Teams or Pairs; 9.00 Banquet

Results

Herzliya Pairs Championship: 1. Golden-Mrs. Goldenberg, 2. Oseip-Rothner, 3. Brody-Brody.

UNANIMOUS CHOICE

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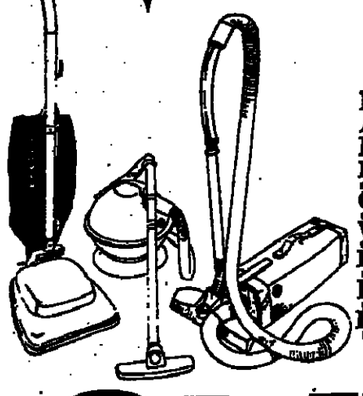

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

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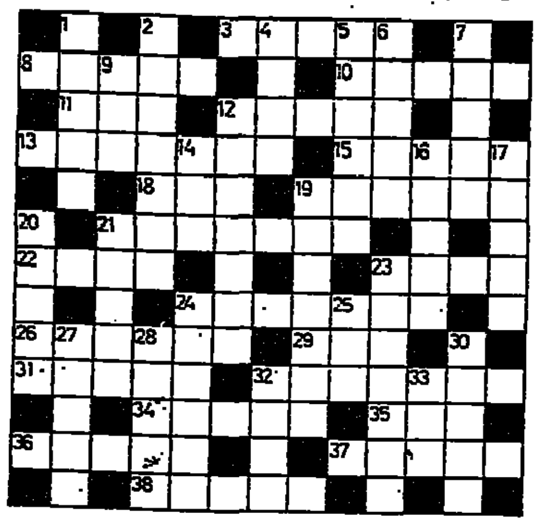


EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

3 Bring about (5)
8 Rot (5)
10 Attempted (5)
11 Road-surfacing material (3)
12 Bishop's head-wear (5)
13 Marked like a tiger (7)
15 Happen (5)
18 Metal (3)
19 Whole (6)
21 Gasping (7)
22 Genuine (4)
23 Part of a necklace (4)
24 Wooed (7)
26 Penitentiary (6)
29 Consume (3)
31 Fires (5)
32 Cloaks (7)
34 Advantage (5)
35 Slippery creature (3)
36 Venom (5)
37 Ruche (5)
38 Anaesthetic (5)

DOWN

1 Pier (5)
2 Concerning marriage (7)
4 Dry (4)
5 Powerful (6)
6 Upright (5)
7 Happen again (5)
9 Automobile (3)
12 Make reference to (7)
14 Fasten (3)
16 Quoted (5)
17 Prepared (5)
19 Beg (7)
20 Clasps tightly (5)
21 Unreasoning fear (5)
23 Superiors (7)
24 Pamper (6)
25 Sunburn (3)
27 Gradients (5)
28 Fish (5)
30 Chiming instruments (5)
32 Only (4)
33 Hawaiian garland (3)

Monday's easy solution

ACROSS.—1, Chose. 6, Spite. 9, Elevate. 10, Steam. 11, Earns. 12, Angel. 13, Seconds. 15, Get. 17, Oran. 18, Senile. 19, Trend. 20, Raisin. 22, Seas. 24, Nun. 25, Arrange. 26, Abate. 27, Purge. 28, Edges. 29, Ordinal. 30, Snags. 31, Tense.

DOWN.—2, Hotter. 3, Season. 4, Elm. 5, Ovens. 6, Steered. 7, Peal. 8, Tinsel. 12, Adorn. 13, Scorn. 14, Cabin. 15, Given. 16, Tease. 18, Snare. 19, Timbers. 21, Autumn. 22, Saddle. 23, Agrees. 25, Attic. 26, Agog. 28, Eat.

Monday's cryptic solution

ACROSS. — 1, Smack. 6, Rants. 9, High-way. 10, Chain. 11, Tenth. 12, Frets. 13, Milkman. 15, Boa. 17, Iris. 18, Period. 19, Bill's. 20, Eleven (11). 22, Bole. 24, Red. 25, Scorned. 26, Dr-ink. 27, Radio. 28, Baste. 29, Coup-let. 30, Tot-em. 31, The-RM.

DOWN. — 2, Mo-Hair. 3, C-hicks. 4, Kin. 5, Thorn. 6, Rattles. 7, A-vea. 8, Tattoo. 12, Fag-in. 13, Miner. 14, Lived (rev.). 15, Bi-son. 16, Added. 18, Pluck. 19, Bedroom. 21, Legato. 22, Breath. 23, Letter. 25, Snaps. 26, Dice. 28, Bet.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

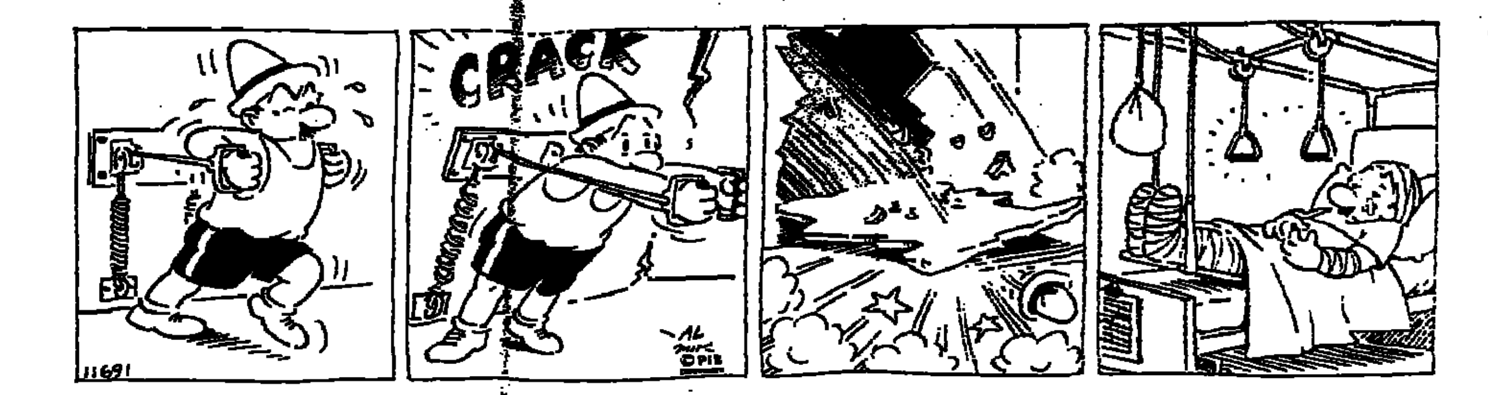
ACROSS

3 Stoney-hearted beauty (5)
8 Give back some soldiers' money (5)
10 Round bird (5)
11 Sailor's art-form (3)
12 Soldiers as shipped? (5)
13 Crow food? (7)
15 We get faultless service on this river (5)
18 May's change of food (3)
19 Like a prison story? (6)
21 Good goods from the confectioner (7)
22 Much used in the West or North (4)
23 Be inclined to nurse (4)
24 Pat lied when twisted (7)
26 Lawrence land (6)
29 Some automatic mouse-catcher? (3)
31 An additional passenger? (5)
32 Like old colonels with shotguns? (7)
34 Looked wide open (5)
35 Oflag prisoner (3)
36 Scram on one leg? (3, 2)
37 Aptly enough, he has a sceptre (5)
38 No place for a summit? (5)

DOWN

1 Copper, perhaps, ran into by a learner (5)
2 Continue having an affair (5, 2)
4 Deserve some money? (4)
5 Money for overheads once? (6)
6 A girl's aspirations (5)
7 Connected with electricity (5)
9 Knock up in the normal way (3)
12 Name of the bowler, we hear, in a game (7)
14 Gaelic Chianti centre (3)
16 Given a pasting by the decorator (5)
17 Prepared to take cash? (5)
19 Asked little girl and boy in first (7)
20 Curse because certain points need attention (5)
21 Secondary highway in Norfolk? (5)
23 Hard buildings? (7)
24 A tripe product unpopular among seafarers (5)
25 Leading spinner (3)
27 City of wrought iron, if one disregards the soft centre (5)
28 Start being revised (5)
30 Slang of vernacular Gothic derivation (5)
32 Can it warm the soil? (4)
33 Corn from a fertile area (3)

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON FRIDAY



WHAT'S ON

Plant a tree in Israel with your own hands:
Free tours for planters to the Hills of Judea, leave every Monday and Wednesday from Jerusalem and every Tuesday from Tel Aviv. For details and registration please call Visitors Department, Keren Kayemet Le-Israel (Jewish National Fund), in Jerusalem, Keren Kayemet, Tel. 35261; in Tel Aviv, 96 Rehov Hayarkon, opp. Dan Hotel, Tel. 234449. Carta's Historical Atlas of Jerusalem is a must — get it today at your hotel shop.

JERUSALEM

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2. Morning half-day tour of all Hadassah projects. IL8.40 ($2 per person towards transportation and refreshments. By reservations only: Tel. 416333.

Hebrew University, conducted tours in English, weekdays at 9 and 11 a.m. starting from the lobby of the Administration Building at the Givat Ram Campus. For tours of the Mt. Scopus Campus, please call Tel. 330211, ext. 725. Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Schneller Wood, Romema. Tel. 533822, 7.30 a.m.-dusk.

AT THE KHAN
1. An Evening of Chekhov plays, directed by Michael Alfreds: Sat., Feb. 23, 8.30 p.m.
2. Folklore Evening of Song and Dance, with INBAL. Every Wednesday at 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv Museum, Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Exhibitions: Max Liebermann — Drawing, Lithographs, Engravings (New Building): the Museum collections. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, 6 Rehov Tarsat. Yigael Tumarkin — War Impressions (photographs, paintings, sculpture). Sun.-Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat. 6-10 p.m. Soldiers in uniform admitted free.
Ha'aretz Museum, Tel Aviv Museum Centre, Ramat Aviv. (1) Glass Museum; (2) Kadmon Numismatic Museum; (3) Ceramics Museum; (4) Museum of Science and Technology; (5) Museum of Ethnography and Folklore; (6) Alphabet Museum; (7) Nechushtan Pavilion; (8) Tel-Qasile Excavations; Open: Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Fri., 9.00 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. 10.00 a.m.-20.0 pm
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CINEMAS

TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; **BEN YEHUDA:** The Beach of the War Gods; **CINEMA ONE:** The Degenerates; **CINERAMA:** Who Saw Her Die; **CHEN:** Showdown; **DEKEL:** Cat Ballou; **EDEN:** The Lively Wanderer Mon., Tues., The Bright Thief, Wed., Thurs., **MAFFANA; ESTHER:** Blume In love; **DRIVE-IN CINEMA:** Great Guns, The Revolt of the Apes, Rio Lobo; **GAT:** Pete N' Tillie; **GORDON:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; **HOD:** The Daring Dobermans; **MAXIM:** What They Did to Solange; **LIMOR:** Steelyard Blues; **MOGRABI:** The Stone Killer; **ORDAN:** Sounder; **OPHIR:** Scorpio; **ORLY:** I'll Cry Tomorrow; **PEER:** Malizia; **PARIS:** Kid Blue; **RAMAT AVIV:** A Walk in the Spring Rain; **STUDIO:** The Forbidden Decameron; **TCHELET:** Duel; **TEL AVIV:** The Last American Hero; **ZAFON:** Les Granges Brulees.

JERUSALEM
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON: Monique; **CHEN:** Bozanka in the Gymnasium; **EDEN:** The Getaway; **EDISON:** The Steel Finger; **HABIRAH:** Decameron No. 2; **JERUSALEM:** Splendour in the Grass; **ORGIL:** Diary of a Virgin; **ORION:** The Mackintosh Man; **ORNA:** Class of 44; **RON:** Gone With The Wind; **SEMADAR:** Far From the Madding Crowd.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Emperor of the North Pole; **ARMON:** L'aventure C'est L'aventure; **ATZMON:** The Stone Killer; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Two Women, Mouchette, Ni Vu Ni Connu; **CHEN:** Le Grand Blond Une Chaussure Noire; **MORIAH:** Kazablan; **MIRON:** Fist to Fist; **ORAH:** Blume in Love; **ORDAN:** The Last Summer; **ORION:** Mrs. Wartt; **ORLY:** What Do You Say To A Naked Lady?; **PEER:** Theatre of Blood...; **RON:** The Erotic Priest; **SHAVIT:** Even Angels Eat Beans.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
232, 522 and 221 M.

6.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 Musical Anthology — The Violin, and its place in the world of music (Second Programme) Works by Composers of the Mannheim School, by Mozart, Beethoven, Composers of the French and Belgian School, Bartok, Prokofiev, and others. Producer: Paul Landau. 9.55 English News. 10.05 "From the Archive Treasures" — "The Travels of Burney in Europe." A series of programmes by Yehoash Hirschberg (Second Programme). 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for elementary schools. 12.35 Midday Concert — Kodaly: Music for the Theatre; Mozart: "Masonic Trauermusik". 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 "Midday Concert" — Mozart: Piano Concerto in C-major, K. 503 (Soloist: Rudolf Serkin), Walter Harteley: Cansona for 8 Trombones. 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radioda" — Bettering Your Knowledge." 4.05 "The End of the Trip" (Second Broadcast) A series of programmes produced by Michael Ohad e) "A Saint in Town" (Anton Bruckner) presented by Lea Porat and Abraham Mor. 5.05 "Jazz" — produced by Paul Landau. 5.30 "Waves of Sound" — A Musical Magazine produced by Avi Hanani. 5.55 English News. 6.05 A. Allon's Corner 6.10 "On Work and Workers" 6.40 The Daily Mishna 6.50 French News 6.55 For the Farmer 7.05 "Today" 7.25 Light Music. 7.30 Programme Trailer. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu chaps 23 and 24. 8.05 "Am Yisrael Hai." 8.45 Cantorial Requests programme. 9.35 World of Science. 10.05 "Chamber Music" (recordings of The Finnish Radio, from The Helsinki Festival, 1973), Mahler: Five Songs (Jessie Norman — Mezzo-Soprano, Irving Gage — Piano); Janacek: String Quartet No. 2 ("Intimate Letters") (The Talich Quartet). 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "The Folklore of Argentina" — A programme produced by Ya'akov Gelman. 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 songs and tunes. 5.05-8.00 same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

5.05 a.m. Hebrew songs. 5.55 Religious Services 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Ehud Manor 3.05 Popular Songs — Greetings. 3.53 Encore —ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 "Guests for an Hour." 4.30 S. Rozen's Quiz. 4.35 "Guests for an Hour" (cont.). 6.05 "Find the Link" 6.05 "Songs from Father's Home." 6.4 Today's sport. 9.05 Hebrew Songs. 9.3 Jazz. 10.05 "Direct Dialing." 11.05 "To night." 11.25 Old favourites — Greetings 1.05-3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song and Melody 8.00 News 8.05 Song and Melody

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757, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

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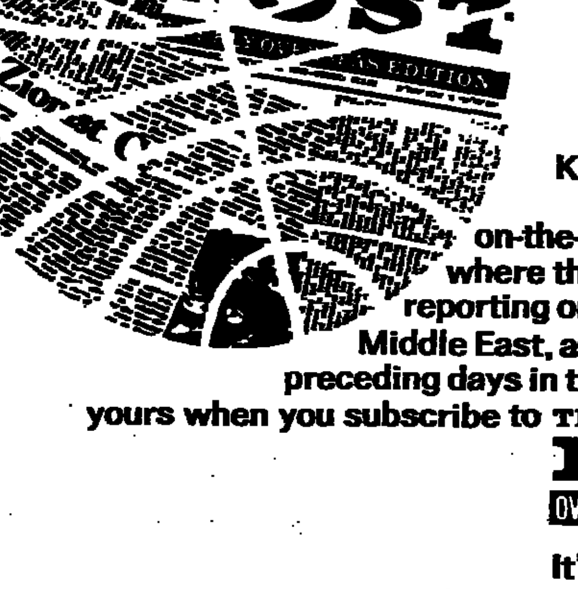

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Business and Finance

JOB SEEKERS SAY OFFICIALS INCOMPETENT

Immigrant engineers hindered by indifference, red tape

By YAACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Engineers immigrating from the Soviet Union encounter difficulties in finding employment partly as a result of administrative incompetence, even outright indifference, on the part of the absorption agencies, partly as a result of language difficulties. "There is no specialized, central labour exchange with a qualified staff capable of gathering information on existing and potential vacancies and of matching the job seekers for them," Abba Kraemer, of the Engineers and Architects Association here, said last week. Kraemer, a former municipal engineer now in retirement, who speaks Russian, now devotes his time to helping immigrants from the Soviet Union to find suitable work.

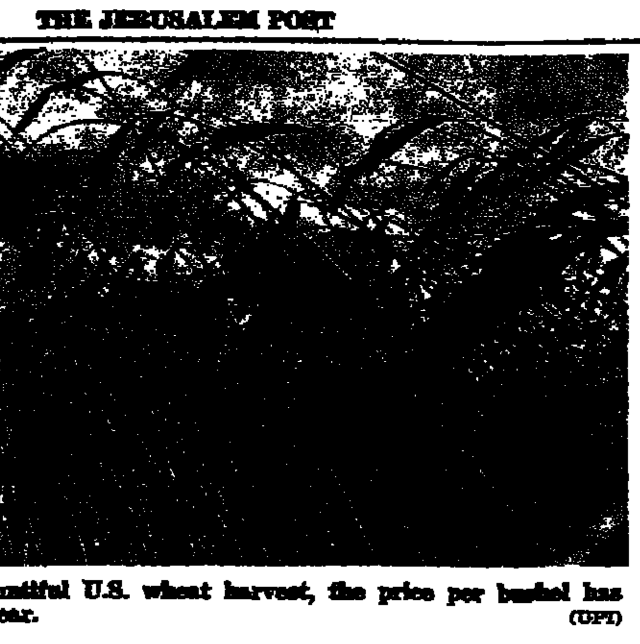
"Neither the Agency, the Absorption Ministry nor the Labour Ministry are organized to help the integration of immigrant engineers," says Kraemer. "A team of competent people with initiative should make the rounds of the industrial plants to take stock of actual and potential manpower needs. Such information is simply not available today. Many smaller enterprises which employ no engineer at all yet could be persuaded to engage one if it could be proved to them that it would be worth their while. The Jewish Agency contributes IL600 monthly for six months towards the pay of an immigrant professional. The Technion could join the effort by offering these enterprises a consulting service."

Abba Kraemer also thinks that the newcomers should be taught not only Hebrew, but also technical English to enable them to read plans, specifications and instructions related to imported equipment and processes. He knew of vacancies which immigrants could not fill only because they did not know English. "An ulpan in technical English would make things much easier for them and enable them to become productive more quickly."

The information-gathering team would also be able to propose which groups of engineers should undergo retraining and updating courses to bridge the differences between Soviet and Israeli technologies, standards and approaches. Here again the Technion could be enlisted for that purpose. "I estimate," said Kraemer, "that in this way, hundreds of engineers might be placed in actual and potential jobs."

The Association's secretary, Hilde Naiiv, who is doubling as a placement assistant, said that a Hebrew ulpan should also teach immigrant engineers elementary technical Hebrew. Hardest hit were engineers over 45 whom few wanted to engage, and at best on a temporary basis, and women. The government Employment Service staff was unable to cope with the engineers' problems. It would be useful for enterprises to appoint an "integration officer" to steer the immigrants through their initial difficulties. Moreover our veteran engineers should make a systematic effort at integration on the social level."

The Labour Ministry in Tel Aviv insisted that every newcomer should present the original of his diploma before issuing him an engineer's licence for which it charged IL50 regardless of whether the holder had a job or not. As the newcomers were reluctant to send the originals through the post, it meant the time and expense of travel to Tel Aviv from all parts of the country. Photostat copies of diplomas were not accepted.



Despite the bountiful U.S. wheat harvest, the price per bushel has tripled in one year. (UPI)

Record world wheat crop

HIGH PRICES HURT POOR NATIONS

LONDON (Gemini). — Nearly all the main grain growing countries of the world harvested record crops last year. Yet many Third World countries will go hungry for grain during the coming year, because they cannot afford the high prices being charged by the exporters. The continuing record grain prices are now putting the lives of millions of people in serious jeopardy.

Eighteen months ago wheat — the most widely traded of all grains — sold on the world market for little more than $1.50 a bushel. Today, the price for many grades is above $6 a bushel.

And yet, in the past few months, almost all the main grain growing and exporting countries — the U.S., Canada, Australia, the Common Market countries and the USSR (all, ironically, in the big industrialized league) — have harvested record or near record grain crops.

The U.S. this season had an all-time record grain crop of 240 million metric tons, well ahead of recent annual crops of just over 200 million tons.

The USSR's yield of an all-time record of 220 million tons is well above the previous ten-year average of just over 150 million tons. The Common Market reaped an all-time record of nearly 100 million tons.

Canada and Australia are primarily wheat growers and exporters. This season's Canadian crop is about 17 million tons and the Australian harvest is close to 12 million — both near all-time records.

The total world wheat harvest is now put at a massive record 338 million tons — six per cent more than the previous highest set two years ago.

So why are prices still soaring? It is partly because of last year's record grain trade — precipitated by the huge Soviet purchases — which seriously reduced international stocks to their lowest level for more than 20 years.

But the main reason for the reduced stocks is that the rest of the world, and mainly the poorer section, harvested very poor grain crops this season and they are having to buy: and by and large they are having to buy from the rich and affluent.

The International Wheat Council, in its annual end-of-year report, says that wheat trade this coming year could actually be reduced, simply because the needy importers cannot afford to pay the prices asked.

The IWC, in some apparent consternation at the continuing high price levels, says: "As the crops year has gone on, the tightness of the supply situation has somewhat relaxed."

The traditionally surplus wheat-growing areas of the world this year lifted production by a massive 15 per cent. Output in the traditional importing part of the world was down nearly 10 per cent. Ironically, the one major exporter with a poor crop this year — Argentina — is the only one of the major exporters in the Third World.

Drought hit most central American countries and they report reduced crops. It also hit the Middle East.

The big Indian crop was down by nearly five per cent, and the Japanese was nearly 30 per cent less than last year.

Although the Chinese crop is reported to be marginally better, big imports will still be necessary during the coming year. Egypt's crop is a record, but elsewhere in North Africa yields were down between 10 and 15 per cent.

Three years ago the big exporters scuppered the international grains arrangement because they could not get their high-priced demands written into the agreements. They have got their high prices anyway.

Talks to restore grain trading to fair and equitable arrangements through the auspices of the General Agreements on Tariff and Trade (GATT) have all but collapsed because of lack of interest by the world's major exporters, who are keeping their fingers crossed that present shortages go on for ever.

It's hardly a prescription for fair and reasonable — and humanitarian — dealing.

OIL PRICE HITS AGRICULTURE

Fertilizer shortage adds to India's food crisis

By TREVOR DRIEBERG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — India has entered 1974 with the threat of fresh difficulties on the food front caused by a serious shortage of chemical fertilizers. The fertilizer supply is short by 2.5 million metric tons for the needs of the current rabi crop, sown last November and due for harvest in March and April. The oil crisis has only aggravated India's fertilizer problem.

The Ministry of Agriculture fears the rabi crop may be lower than the expected 48 million tons. Thus, the total grain crop for the 12 months ending next June may not be more than 114 million tons, a big drop from the goal of 129 million tons set for the fourth five-year plan which ends in April.

The grain harvest in 1972-73, another year of drought, was a meagre 95.2 million tons, well below the goal of 125 million tons.

A sign of approaching trouble is the slow response of farmers to the Government's grain procurement drive. Out of a target of five million tons of rice, state agencies have so far been able to gather only about half this quantity. But Agriculture Minister Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed hopes that much headway can be made in the next few weeks, and that the target will be reached by the end of February.

However, grain prices — which started falling last October with the prospects of a bumper kharif crop (sown in mid-year and harvested mainly in November) — have begun to climb again. Consequently, the open market price is higher today than the price the Government offers farmers. One reason for this, it is said unofficially, is that the farmer is withholding his surplus grain, because he calculates on scarcity conditions developing later in the year.

Mr. Ahmed has confessed that the procurement of other grain—maize, millet and sorghum — is still less satisfactory than rice. These grains are being procured for the first time, and the target set for them is a modest 1.65 million tons. The minister has warned the nation to expect difficult times if the fertilizer crisis is not solved soon. And there is little chance of a solution round the corner.

Under the fourth plan, India was to have produced 3.4 million tons of fertilizer in 1973-74, but actual production will be nearer 1.5 million. On top of the shortfall in domestic output, oil-short Japan has reportedly decided to cut its commitment to supply India with fertilizer. In addition, there is a threatened breakdown of supplies from East Germany and from a West European cartel.

Minister of State for Agriculture A.P. Shinde told me that the drought of 1972, the worst in modern Indian history, has brought home the fact that "if in future such difficult times come — and they are bound to come — you just can't depend on international assistance, and we shall have to prepare ourselves to stand on our own."

He said food production would have to be organized in such a way as to emphasize the cultivation of quick-growing crops like potatoes.

"Preparations are going on for this because we feel that millions of tons of potatoes can be produced within the country in the next five or six years, and this could be very useful in supplementing short-duration crops."

India's fuel problem is also very serious, and Delhi is revamping its foreign trade policy to step up the traditional products to the oil-producing countries in the Persian Gulf region. This action is being taken because on the present reckoning, imports of crude from this region will absorb roughly 75 percent of India's annual export earnings in 1974, according to Commerce Minister D.P. Chattopadhyaya.

Six oil-producing countries — Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya and Saudi Arabia — along with Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar account for just 3.5 percent of this country's present exports. But Mr. Chattopadhyaya is confident that these earnings could be considerably increased through a bold and imaginative sales campaign in these countries. Among the commodities with good growth prospects for export are high-grade rice, fresh fruit, spices, sugar and tobacco.

As some of the oil-producing countries have plans for manufacturing fertilizers on a large scale, the Minister thinks there is an expanding market for jute sacking.

Meanwhile, an official Indian oil delegation has begun talks in Baghdad on exploring wider avenues for mutual trade. Cooperation for developing Iraq's nationalized oil industry is also being discussed in detail.

Planning Minister D.P. Dhar has visited some of the Gulf states to study the chances of greater economic cooperation, and at the same time to seek assurances that India will get regular supplies of crude at prices within its reach.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Bond rise continues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Index-linked bonds continued to rise yesterday on the stock market, but much of the previous day's upward momentum was lost, and most rises were only up two per cent or a bit more.

On Sunday, when trading was resumed, the bonds jumped by up to 15 per cent.

Nevertheless, many Index-linked bonds yesterday were listed as "buyer's only," meaning that they had risen the maximum allowed on a normal day's trading, i.e., three per cent.

Financial circles point out that the "yield" from Index-linked bonds is lower than that proposed by the Government issues. If this is so, why is the public so anxious to buy former issues of Index-linked bonds and not the new ones? The answer, financial circles say, is that the new Government issues are not yet on the market, and investors seeking a hedge against inflation "have no other place to put their money than in the former issues." The turnover in bonds was IL13,066,200, the second highest turnover recorded.

As for stocks, the trading was fairly quiet. A demand for 44,000 Bank Leumi failed to raise the price, and it remained at 254. IDB gained two to 168 (20,000), but Hadera lost 6.5 to 177 (16,000).

The Natad Dollar rose by one agora to stand at IL4.98 to meet a demand of $267,000, some $77,000 was traded.

The General Index rose by 0.23 per cent yesterday to stand at 242.08.

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DEBENTURES LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	244	—
Electric Corp. A	r	183.2	—
Electric Corp. B.	r	162	—
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
1965, Index 110.d	b	283.7	276.7
Shahon 1968, Series 41	b	126.8	121.8
Shahon 1969, Series 41	b	—	226
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	228	233
I.D.B. pref.	r	203	201
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	168	168
Union Bank	r	278.5	278.5
Israel British Bank	b	287	287
Discount Bank "A"	r	451	451
United Mizrahi Bank	b	158	156.5
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	822	820
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	254	252.8
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	213	213
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	138	138
Bank Binyan	b	220	220
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	230	230
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	174	178
Tefahot 8%	b	208.5	206.5
Tefahot	b	208	205.5
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	72.5	75
Hassneh Insurance	b	195	196
Sahar—"C"	b	253.5	240.5
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	68.5	68.5
Delek C.	r	140	140
Cold Storage—IL10	r	177	174
Israel Electric Corp.	r	55.5	55.5
Lighterage & Supply	r	155	157.5
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Amrim	r	180	180
Africa Isr IL10	r	254	254.5
Isr. Land Dev.	b	155	158
Solel Boneh—10%	b	329.5	329.5
Property & Build.	r	179	179
Isras	b	127.5	127
Mehadrin	r	192.5	190.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	84.5	84.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	142.5	142.5
Neot Aviv	r	61.5	62.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	160.5	160.5
Rassco—8%	r	79	78
Rassco—O.	r	63	61
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	462	459
Elco—2.5	b	98.5	98
Electra—5	r	184.5	184.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	285
"Ata"—C	r	308.5	309
Dubek	b	364.5	364.5
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	175	175
Teva	b	894	902
Chem. & Phosphates	r	68	66
Lewin Epstein	b	66	66
Moller Textile	r	164	165
Phoenicia—8%	b	92.5	91
Paper Mills	r	277	283.5
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Nechushtan	b	342	342
Shemen—8%	b	128.5	128.5
"Taal" Plywood	b	206	205
Elite (A)		280	280
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	77.5	76
Ellern	b	156.5	154
Israel Central Trade	r	189	189
Bank Hapoalim	b	227	227
Pax	b	94	91.5
Wolfson IL10	b	90.5	90
Ampa	r	107.5	107.5
Discount Bank	b	187.5	187.5
United Mizrahi	b	104	108
Bank Leumi	r	178.5	181
Piryon Investment	r	91	91
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	75.5	75.5
Export Bank	b	60	60.5
Clal Investment	r	180	180
Clal Industries	r	172.5	172.5
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	87	87
Lapidoth OTC	r	190	190

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EL AL HEAD IN N.Y.

'Israel on verge of tourist boom'

NEW YORK (JTA). — Mordechai Ben-Ari, the President of El Al Israel Airlines, reported here this week that tourism and air traffic to Israel had almost completely recovered since the Yom Kippur war and predicted that Israel is "on the verge of a tourism boom."

Addressing a press conference at El Al's New York headquarters, Ben Ari said that "tourists have become interested in Israel again, on the assumption that a renewal of hostilities is very unlikely," especially after the disengagement accord with Egypt.

He reported that air traffic and tourism began to recover as soon as the Yom Kippur War ended and at a faster pace than after the 1967 Six Day War. By December 1973 air traffic to Israel had reached 92 percent of the figure for the previous December, Ben Ari said.

According to Mr. Ben-Ari, the two major sources of the anticipated tourist boom are "groups and individuals of Jewish organizations who come to Israel to demonstrate their solidarity" and Christian pilgrims who "have an attachment to the Holy Land."

CORRECTION

Bank Hapoalim declared a 12.5 per cent cash dividend and a 20 per cent share bonus for 1973 which it also declared in 1972; and not as reported in Tuesday's story.

OPERATIONS AND MATERIALS COST MORE

Farm export prices rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The prices of Israeli agricultural exports have risen recently because of the increase in operation costs, especially air and sea haulage, and the cost of packaging material.

A meeting of European agents of Agrexco, Israel's agricultural export company, held here last week, came to the conclusion, that Israel's agricultural exports will not suffer by the rise in price. "The clients who bought our produce in the past will continue to buy it,' an Agrexco official told *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

The official said that his company would do everything possible to cut transportation expenses, by air, sea and land, by maximum exploitation of available freight space.

SHOWS BIG JUMP IN PROFITS

ILDC declares 11% dividend

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Israel Land Development Company has announced an 11 per cent dividend. Its capital increased (during the year ending June 30, 1973) by half, from IL22m. to IL33m., and the balance sheet total rose from IL97m. to IL115m.

After early redemption of linked loans to the sum of IL3m., accounts show a profit of IL3m., as against IL1.6m. last year. According to Shalom Doron, Director-General of ILDC, the annual General Meeting will be held at the company's offices on February 28.

ILDC invested IL10m. in 1972/73. Main activities were the construction of an industrial park on the dunes of Rishon Lezion, a new residential quarter in Haifa, a multistorey office building in Jerusalem (at the junction of Ben-Yehuda and King George streets), and a seven-storey building near the entrance to Haifa port.

The company bought the Eilat Building and Development Company from the Government, and is now planning a commercial and tourist centre opposite the (existing) airfield. Asked about the present tourist recession in Eilat, Mr. Doron said: "The centre will take two years to construct. By then the present tourist slowdown will be just a memory."

A further acquisition during the year (in partnership with other interests) was the former Argaman complex in Bnei Brak, which has been revamped, and is now leased to a number of industrial firms.

The company owns a chain of hotels. During the year of the balance sheet, a new wing and a swimming-pool were completed in the Galei Kinneret Hotel, Tiberias. Additions and improvements were made in the Sharon Hotel (Herzliya), the Neptune (Eilat) and the Rimon Inn (Safed).

WALL STREET

Closing Tues., February 12, 1974

Confusion marks trading

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market went nowhere in particular yesterday, betraying what analysts described as investor confusion about the future of the world oil market.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 2.73 at 806.63, reflecting strength in some blue chip issues. Declining issues, however, outpaced gainers by 7 to 6 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume was a light total of 12.92 million shares, just under Monday's total.

The exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks rose 0.08 to 48.65.

British petroleum led the most-active list, off ¼ at 11½, in heavy institutional trading.

Airco Inc	12⅝	Cont Can	24¼	John Joh	17⅛	Roan Sel	4⅛
Alcan Alu	33⅝	Cont Oil	39⅝	John Man	100¾	Rockwell Int	27
Allied Ch	41⅞	Cont Tel	16⅞	Jon Lau	18⅞	Royl D	33¼
Allied Str	20⅞	Cont Data	33	Kais Alum	19⅞	Russ Tog	9⅞
Allis Chal	9½	Corning	70⅞	Kenn Cop	39⅞	Safeway	37⅞
Alcoa	42⅞	CPC Intl	29⅞	Koppers	4½	Schering	63¼
Am Airlin	10	Crane Co	18⅞	Libb O Fd	27⅞	Scott Pap	15⅞
Am Bdcst	22½	Crown Cork	20	Liggt My	80½	Sears Roe	84⅞
Amer Can	26⅞	Crwn Zell	32⅞	Litton Ind	8⅞	Shell Oil	54½
A Cyan	30⅞	Dan River	8⅞	Lockheed	4⅞	Singer Co	36
A Home	36⅞	Deere Co	41¼	LTV Corp	10⅞	Smith KF	47⅞
A MII Clx	43	Dist Seag	42⅞	Macy RH	18⅞	Sony	25
Amer Mot	10⅞	Dow Chem	58⅞	Magnavox	8¼	South Ry	46
A Smelt R	—	Dress Ind	49⅞	Mfrs Han	37⅞	Sperry Rnd	36⅞
Am Stand	8	Dupont	158⅞	Marath	40	St Brands	51⅞
Amer T & T	51¼	East Airlins	5⅞	Marcor	21¼	St Oil Cal	26
AMF Inc	19⅞	E Kodak	96½	Marsh Fd	17⅞	Std Oil Ind	90⅞
Ampex	4¼	Eaton	36⅞	Martin Mar	16⅞	Std Oil Oh	80⅞
Anaconda	24⅞	El Paso NG	15¼	Matsush	17⅞	Sterl Drug	26⅞
ASA Ltd	92⅞	ESB	26	McDon D	17½	Stu Wor	32½
Atl Rich	91	Esmark	26½	Merck	73	Sun Oil	47¼
Avco	6⅞	Exxon	80⅞	Minn MM	71⅞	Teledyne	13⅞
Beckman	27⅞	Fair Cam	52⅞	Mobil Oil	45⅞	Tenneco	21⅞
Bell How	22⅞	Firestone	15¼	Morogan	4⅞	Texaco	27⅞
Bendix	24⅞	Fst N City	36⅞	Monsan	52⅞	Texas Gulf	33
Benguet	4½	Fluor Cp	48¼	Moor McCor	—	Texas Instru	94⅞
Beth Stl	30⅞	Fd Fair	7⅞	Morgan J	59¼	Textron	21½
Boeing Co	13⅞	Ford Mot	44¼	Nabisco	36½	Transwair	16
Bois Cas	15⅞	Gen Dynam	30	Nat Cash R	32⅞	TriCon	22⅞
Borg War	19¼	Gen Elect	55¼	Nat Distil	12⅞	TRW Inc	18¼
Braniff	9⅞	G Fds Corp	26⅞	Nat Indust	13⅞	Twent Cent	5⅞
Brist My	44⅞	Gen Mills	67⅞	Nowest Air	20⅞	UAL Inc	24¼
Brunswck	15⅞	Gen Mot	49⅞	Occ Pet C	19⅞	Unil Ltd	—
Burl Ind	20½	Gn Tel El	24⅞	Olin Corp	14⅞	Unil NV	—
Burroughs	178⅞	Gen Tire	14⅞	Otis Elev	34½	Un Carbide	32¼
Camp Sp	34⅞	Genesco	6⅞	Owen Ill	81¼	Uniroyal	8⅞
Can Pac	15⅞	Georgia	35⅞	Pac Gs El	23½	Unit Aircraft	28⅞
Canal R	12⅞	Getty O	125½	Panam W A	4⅞	Unit Brands	8½
Castle Cke	15⅞	Gillette	34	Penn Centrl	3⅞	US Indust	7¼
Cater Tr	57⅞	Goddric	15⅞	Pepsi Co	68	US Steel	38½
Celanese	29	Goodyr	15½	Pfizer	37⅞	US Tobac	14¼
Cerro Cp	16½	W R Grace	24⅞	Phelps D	39⅞	UV Ind	38⅞
Chase Manh	49⅞	Grt A & P	19⅞	Phil Morr	104⅞	War Lam	33¼
Chem NY	44	Gulf Oil	22	Phil Petro	49⅞	Wells Far	22⅞
Chessie Sys	55⅞	Gulf Wn	6¼	Polaroid	71⅞	Wn Un	15
Chrysler	16⅞	Hew Pack	73⅞	Proct GM	83⅞	Westg Elec	20⅞
Cities Svc	53¼	Honywel	71	Qukr Oat	25¼	Weyerhs	35¼
Coca-Cola	108⅞	Howmet	13⅞	Rabystos M	49	Woolworth	16⅞
Colg Pal	24	IBM	228¼	Ralston P	21⅞	Xerox Co	107⅞
CBS	27⅞	Int Harv	24½	RCA	18⅞	Zenith Rad	27⅞
Colu Gas	26⅞	Int Nickel	36⅞	Revere Cop	8¼		
Colum Pict	3⅞	Int Paper	45	Reyn Ind	42⅞		
Con Edis	20⅞	Int T & T	26¼	Reyn Met	21		

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MAY BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE IN ELECTIONS

U.K. row over foreign profits from North Sea oil bonanza

LONDON (Reuter). — The future of North Sea oil, and a row over reports that foreign companies will make massive untaxed profits from exploiting it, threaten to become a major issue in Britain's national election campaign.

A survey carried out by the "Observer" stated on Sunday that profits would be running at £4,000 million a year by 1980.

This figure is greater than the latest recorded pre-tax profits of the whole of British manufacturing industry. Under present regulations almost all of it would go untaxed and 60 per cent of it would be reaped by foreign companies, the "Observer" said.

A series of spectacular discoveries in the past few months has increased the known oil reserves off Britain's shores by nearly 50 per cent. And the quadrupling of world oil prices since October means that the value of the total reserves has correspondingly soared.

Oil company estimates put likely reserves at about 30,000 million barrels — now worth about 130,000 million sterling — nearly four times the entire present British national debt.

Britain started granting licences to companies for mineral rights on the British sector of the continental shelf in 1964. At this time the main prize was natural gas off England's east coast.

But by 1971, against a background of hardening Middle East oil prices, an oil rush had been galvanised by oil discoveries in the North Sea and companies jockeyed for licences to exploit sectors of the region.

The groundswell of criticism that blocks were being sold too cheaply and too many were going to foreign companies now threatens to blow into a storm.

The Labour Party last Friday pledged in their election manifesto to nationalize oil and gas resources from the North Sea and the Irish Sea and ensure that exploiting and distribution systems came "under full government control."

"We cannot accept that the allocation of available world output should continue to be made by multinational companies and not by governments."

But the Conservatives in their manifesto published Monday described this policy as "irrelevant." To nationalise offshore oil, the Conservatives said, would needlessly deprive Britain of invaluable capital and skills and would cause confusion and delay when the nation could least afford it. The manifesto pledged that the government would proceed with the extraction of North Sea oil as fast as is technically possible, "in full cooperation with private enterprise."

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Tuesday's Rates

SPOT RATES

Dollar	2.2590/2.2610	per £
DM	2.7280/2.7300	per $
Swiss Fr.	3.1860/3.1900	per $
French Fr.	4.98¼/4.99¼	per $
French Fin.	5.08/5.10	per $
Lire	655/656½	per $
Belgian Fr.	41.29/34	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.8450/70	per $
Gold price:	$146/148	

FORWARD RATES

	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
£/$	2.2580/60	2.1960/90	2.1655/85
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Sw.Fr./$	3.1900/60	3.1990/070	3.2090/180

Dutch fuel crisis fades away

By HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM. — PETROL rationing in Holland, imposed on January 12, was lifted last week as the supply situation is now considered adequate. The gap between supply and demand turned out to be only 15 per cent, instead of the 25-30 per cent anticipated. The Arab oil embargo has not yet been lifted, but thanks to unspecified generous help from the international oil companies, the fuel situation in Holland is no longer a matter of serious concern.

Rationing itself, which thus lasted only three weeks, was not intolerable. Every registered car-owner was entitled to 20 litres of petrol weekly and many exemptions were permitted. In addition, it must be remembered that Holland is a small country and Dutch motorists living not too far from the frontiers merely drove across the borders into Belgium or West Germany and filled up their tanks. At the same time, petrol-stations on the Dutch side of the borders, which were left without customers, announced publicly that they would sell petrol without demanding coupons — and did just that. Before the regional public prosecutors could make up their minds whether to prosecute the owners or not, rationing had been lifted.

However, since there is still a gap of 15 per cent between supply and demand, some restrictions will remain in force. There will be two car-less Sundays a month (instead of four) and the speed limit will continue to be restricted to about 90 km.

The general public, naturally, is pleased but the railways and the public transport companies feel somewhat peeved. They had made great efforts to cope with the increased number of passengers expected. In any case, however, the rise was not more than about 10-15 per cent in the first 10 days of petrol rationing.

Most Dutchmen will agree with the Netherlands Ambassador to Israel in his recent depreciation of the exaggerated wave of pro-Dutch sympathy among Israelis. The Arabs imposed their oil embargo against Holland not because of the Netherlands' alleged pro-Israel stand (Holland would like to maintain friendly relations with both Israel and the Arab countries) but because they wanted to hit the economy of Western Europe through Rotterdam, its by far most important oil port.

On the other hand, the oil embargo made hardly any pro-Arab Dutchman any more pro-Arab than he had been before. In fact, the sudden revelation of the extent of the wealth of the Arab oil countries was an eye-opener for those who had previously thought of Arabs only in terms of poor refugees in camps.

Gold and silver at all-time high

LONDON (UPI). — Silver rocketed higher again yesterday on the London bullion market to establish its seventh all-time record in as many trading days. Gold also hit a record high.

"There was no more than moderate inquiry at the outset, but it all seems to be on buyers' behalf, and the market is reckoned to be in a very dangerous position at these dizzy heights—produced mainly by intense speculation in recent weeks," leading silver brokers Sharps Pixley said.

The main buying interest at present is believed to be coming from the U.S., where the New York market has been rocketing for several days.

Silver has traditionally been the favourite alternative to gold as a hedge against currency uncertainties and inflation of "paper" money.

Adding to the strong trend for the metal has been the sharp decline in stock market values and the fact that silver can be stored easily and cheaply.

Gold hit a new peak at the mid-morning fixing, when business was transacted at $147.75 an ounce — up $2.25 against Monday's close.

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The language of artillery

MONDAY'S shelling by the Syrians on the Golan Heights was the most serious violation of the cease-fire since the end of the Yom Kippur war. It climaxed the series of violations which have paralleled diplomatic efforts to move toward a disengagement agreement.

Presumably the Syrians aimed to increase alarm in Washington, and thereby spur the U.S. to put pressure upon Israel in order to achieve an agreement according to their prescription. And perhaps at the same time they sought to embarrass Egypt by demonstrating that even as disengagement is being carried forward on the Sinai front, the northern front, which is supposed to be part of the united command that unifies Syria and Egypt, remains at war.

But whatever the political motives behind the Syrian attacks, the shellings cannot change the fundamentals of the situation. They cannot alter Israel's hold upon the territory captured in the October War, which Syria wants back; they cannot affect Israel's determination to obtain a satisfactory solution to the question of prisoners; and they cannot weaken the resolution of the settlers on the Golan Heights.

As Mr. Dayan said last night, there is every reason to believe that these truths will eventually become apparent to Damascus, and they will understand that in order to obtain satisfaction of some of their interests they will have to come to terms with Israel on a disengagement agreement.

The diplomatic effort toward this end is now awaiting the conclusion of the Washington conference of oil consuming states and the top-level Arab consultations that are to take place this week.

Too much appears to be at stake, for Egypt, for the Big Powers, and for the oil producers to permit Syria's present intransigent position to be the determining factor, especially since all the various parties know that Syria too has a fundamental interest in achieving a disengagement pact.

But until such a break comes, Israel will have no choice but to persuade the Syrians in appropriate military terms that they have nothing to gain by resorting to the language of artillery.

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Syria renews state of war

Ma'ariv (non-party) says: "The victims of yesterday's Syrian attack attest to the collapse of the cease-fire, and there is no longer any point in denying this fact. The Syrian shellings yesterday — aimed at civilian settlements for the first time — are in fact a renewal of the state of war, in spite of the formal cease-fire agreement. So long as life in the Golan settlements is in danger, neither the Security Council decision nor Syria's commitments, are of any significance. And if this is a terrorization campaign designed to induce an IDF withdrawal resulting from weakness or fear, Damascus must be given an answer which will make it clear to her that political achievements cannot be made by causing bloodshed and spreading terror."

Yediot Aharonot (non-Party), claiming that Syria is now following in the footsteps of Egypt, which got what she wanted only after incessantly shooting at us following the official cease-fire agreement, writes: "We once claimed that the Arabs would not be able to boast a war of attrition against us, for any such attempt would encounter a large-scale reaction on our part. Yet we failed to keep our word, and are now paying the price on the Golan Heights. Naturally, Egypt's success has been copied by Syria, and Israel's only option is to halt all political negotiations until Syria stops her war of attrition against us."

Davar (Histadrut) says: "Publication of the Government's decision to build a town on the central Golan Heights and to strengthen the border settlements in the area is designed to dispel the illusion of a possible Israeli withdrawal from the 1967 lines. While the timing of the announcement itself may be questioned, there is no doubt that the present activity on the Golan Heights reflects the wishes of the majority of the public, and will not be changed. As for the Syrians, they must understand that yesterday's shelling of the settlements and the resultant loss of life will merely accomplish the opposite of their aims. Moreover, it will frustrate the attainment of agreement on the separation of forces and lead to an escalation of military action."

Omer (Histadrut) calls for the annexation of the Golan Heights and hopes that the projected city there will flourish and attract large numbers of new immigrants.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) assumes that the reason the Syrians are warming up the border is to attain more favourable terms for a separation of forces. Another aim may be to attract the support of other Arab nations at the forthcoming summit. The paper warns the Syrians that they are playing with fire, and that the IDF will reply in kind.

Hatzofe (Nat'l Religious) says the step-up of hostilities by the Syrians is designed to show that they are prepared to renew the war if necessary, to back up their claims to the Golan Heights.

NOTES FROM QUICK TRIP TO AFRICA — story and photos by SASSON JACOBY

The bulge in Egypt gets smaller

FAYID. — "No entery," said the sign. It was held up against barbed wire, that blocked the road leading south alongside the Great Bitter Lake, west of the Suez Canal. The sign was the apparent product of an Israeli whose knowledge of English spelling did not match his enterprise in writing out this crudely lettered corrugated iron placard.

It was placed at the southernmost point held by the Israeli forces, which was handed over to the UNEF in the third phase of the IDF disengagement yesterday.

The sign's warning was backed up by the presence of a young soldier, who stood there, next to the armoured troop carrier parked at the side, with a transistor radio going full blast to relieve his boredom.

Our group provided him with a welcome diversion as we got busy taking pictures. In like manner, the young Finnish driver of a passing U.N. truck was no less eager to engage in conversation in his pidgin English. He obligingly backed up his vehicle, so that it would be squarely within the lens of the camera

Preparations were obvious in this sector for the Israeli withdrawal. Trucks were heading empty in one direction and others were going out fully loaded towards the canal bridges. Smoke was rising in many places, as Egyptian military installations were being destroyed in this strip of territory. But surprisingly, many of the structures in the army camps dotting the area were seen intact. In others, the roofs of buildings were seen shooting up flames and smoke. There was no apparent pattern.

Testifying to plans for the disengagement were the ubiquitous U.N. vehicles in the sector. It was later in the afternoon at the "no entery" barricade that we saw a mixed convoy of Israeli army and U.N. jeeps and cars drive up — which turned out from the next day's reports to be the team marking out the areas which were handed over to UNEF yesterday.

Israeli activity in the shrinking bulge in "Africa" — though obvious — seemed almost leisurely. There was activity at Fayid airport and at the nearby Egged and Dan bus station — but most of the soldiers who were coming or going appeared relaxed and in the queues, there was none of the impatience normally evident in the Israeli hinterland.

At Fanara village — which is the point to which the Israeli line retreated northwards yesterday — the main street was deserted and the only persons seen were a shopkeeper with his little son, a hanger-on, and another man who came along on a donkey. The grocery shop was open, but it was difficult to tell from its near-empty shelves what it had to sell.

In Arabic and broken English (an obvious leftover from the days of the British forces in the canal zone) the *galabayieh*-clad shopkeeper said when we told him he'd be back under Egyptian rule soon: "Sadat wants peace, Golda Meir and Dayan don't." "All of us want *salam*" we told him.

He gave us four oranges as a sign of his good will but he certainly got the better part of the deal — half a pack of cigarettes and a paper-cupful of brandy. This he downed in two gulps.

Northwards, along the sweet water canal, we visited a post which, we were told, was the nearest to Ismailia. We had some friendly chats and banter with the soldiers and the one on duty there informed us that we were "late for the event." This, it turned out, was the regular evening meal shared by both Egyptian and Israeli soldiers manning the two posts opposite each other. The meal is held midway in the area between them.

It was a pastoral scene at this point, with the sunset reflected along the canal where the all-too-familiar ducks quacked and splashed in the water.

Asked if the two sides were always on such good terms, the soldier shrugged as he said, "Well things were pretty tense when there was shooting some time ago, but it's changed now and we're quite friendly."

There's still a little time to before this fraternization is brok up.

On the Sinai side, now strange dustless after Tuesday's rains the region, little could be seen fro the road of Israeli preparations f the post-disengagement period. Th preparations are going on obvious, if only to judge by t continuous stream of truckloads equipment and laden tank-carrie coming across the bridges from t west.

In what is to be the U.N. buff zone we could see a line of pe staked out beside the road oppos the Kantara area but we could on guess at what they were there fr

Grocer's seven-year-old boy in Fanara grins in direction of Israel who were talking to his father on Monday, a day before the ne disengagement line was set up just below the village near the Gre Bitter Lake.

Readers' letters

Cheaper fuel wanted for invalids

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am 100 per cent invalid — not as a result of a war, but of infantile paralysis, and am the secretary of the Association of Invalids in Jerusalem. Most of us run large automatic cars with power steering, on doctors' orders. Our car replaces our legs.

Since the Yom Kippur War, the price of petrol has gone up twice. I don't know how we can manage: our salaries, which vary between IL500 and IL1,000 a month, are insufficient to pay for 20 litres of gas two or three times a week, in addition to our living expenses.

Can somebody tell us to whom we should turn in order to obtain a reduction in the price of petrol for our members?

BATIA PREUSS, Secretary,
Jerusalem Association of Invalids
Jerusalem, February 2.

Getting a ride

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Last Saturday, my friends' son, a young doctor serving in the army since Yom Kippur, arrived by plane from Africa for three days' leave. He landed at 9.30 p.m. and waited on the road till 11 p.m., trying to get a lift to Tel Aviv. About 20 cars passed him, but not one of them stopped. Finally, at 11 p.m., he rang up his wife and asked her to come and fetch him. The young woman had to wake up their baby and take him with her, since she had nobody at home to leave him with. The child caught a bad bronchitis and is still in bed with a high fever.

Mrs. F. BIERER
Tel Aviv, January 12.

How many jobs?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I note with great astonishment that, for the next month, Joseph Almogi is going to be 1) Mayor of Haifa, 2) Minister of Labour and 3) a Member of the Knesset.

Is it any wonder that members of the public can never find governmental officials in their offices? Does the gentleman collect three salaries? Are there no laws as to how many jobs a government employee may hold?

ARTHUR GINSBURG
Beersheba, February 5.

Poor presentation of news

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been an avid listener to English broadcasts from Kol Israel for years, but in the last few weeks, instead of giving encouragement, the presentation of news from Jerusalem has been, to say the least, anaemic. I am not commenting on the news as such, but on the manner of selection and presentation. The English broadcasts seem to bend over backwards to feature views inimical to the State, in place of highlighting our own interpretation of events.

Instead of the world being vigorously made aware of Israel's point of view, its meticulous observance of the Geneva Convention with regard to the treatment of prisoners-of-war, the high morale of the army and its genuine desire for peace, we get a re-hash and a re-presentation of threats and demands from Arab sources, all of which, owing to their excellent propaganda machinery, is dished up daily by the B.B.C.

Having spent the months of October and November of last year in Israel, I feel cheated and concerned at the harm such broadcasts do.

If those in charge of the English transmissions of Kol Israel feel compelled to present the point of view of our enemies, for heaven's sake let *us* have the last word.

RONNIE MISHEIKER
Johannesburg, January 11.

The Israel Broadcasting Authority replies:

In the absence of specific dates and items the writer of the letter has in mind, it is difficult to offer a detailed reply. As a matter of general policy, our overseas broadcasts are on the air with a dual purpose in mind: keeping the listeners fully informed of the news concerning Israel, the Jewish people and the Middle East, as well as presenting our point of view. Mr. Misheiker does not seem to suggest that our commentary has been anti-Israel. As far as news is concerned, "the last word" simply belongs to the latest item.

ARI AVNERRE,
Counsellor to the Director General
Jerusalem, February 4.

Religion in Australia

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a Melbournite all my life until my recent aliya, allow me to deal with just a few claims made by your correspondent, John Levi, a minister at the Temple Beth Israel in my home town (February 1).

1. "The Liberal congregation in Melbourne has grown to be Australia's largest congregation (of any denomination) with 2,600 adult members." The Minister fails to point out that this number is the total of several federated Liberal congregations spread out over the suburbs of the metropolis. A similar juggling of figures could add up the memberships of several Orthodox congregations to an even more impressive total.

2. The Minister further claims that this congregation "is also the only Melbourne Jewish congregation with an overwhelmingly large percentage of Australian born Jews." This is simply not so. As a Melbournite, I can name on request a number of other such congregations, except that they are all Orthodox.

3. "As intermarriage is now approaching one-fifth of total Jewish marriages, this is a problem which will soon have touched almost every Jewish family in my community, whether they are 'Orthodox' or 'non-Orthodox'!" This may very well be the case when the allegiance expected of young people adds up to seasonal attendance at services and social activities. But those of the community's young people who have gone through an unapologetic Orthodox day-school have so far shown that intermarriage simply does not interest them.

4. In order "to gain a clear picture of Diaspora Jewry and its problems," we are told that Jews' College is "almost empty" while Leo Baeck College is "the opposite." This is at most a commentary on the organization or standards of one solitary Orthodox rabbinical seminary. What your correspondent conveniently overlooks is the enrollment, hundreds strong, of for example, Gateshead Yeshiva and Sunderland Yeshiva.

5. In the question of legislation on "Who is a Jew," your correspondent professes concern about "the links between Israel and the Diaspora of the future." Let it be clear that the Israel Rabbinate's policy on this question harms no Jew, of whatever persuasion. It screens from recognition as Jew the convert who is not a convert — and it is immaterial that he has learned Hebrew and "participated in Jewish ceremonial life." In this, the recent suggestions of Moshe Kohn in his column in *The Post* best expose the demands of intellectual honesty.

J. GOLDBERG
Jerusalem, February 5.

Religion in Montreal

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was quite astonished to read in your issue of February 6 an attempt by Mr. Avi Mandel to relate the rabbinical situation in Montreal to an argument in favour of a change in the Law of Return.

His Montreal information is erroneous from start to finish. There is no such thing as a Montreal Rabbinical Office to which all rabbis belong. There is no Orthodox rabbi who has been appointed exclusively to handle divorce, conversion, etc. There is a Council of Orthodox Rabbis to which some, but not all, Orthodox rabbis belong. They do have a Beit Din to handle divorce, conversion, etc. But that in no way hinders any other rabbi, Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, from handling conversions, etc., which they do in greater numbers than the former body.

The only rabbinical group in Montreal to which most Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis belong is the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal, who have made no special provisions for conversions, etc., other than that practised by their individual members.

RABBI WILFRED SHUCHAT,
Congregation Shaar Hashomayim,
Montreal
Jerusalem (Montreal), Feb. 7.

PEN FRIENDS

REV. FR. JOSE PETER (20), of Church of South India, Puthiyara, Calicut 673004, Kerala, India, would like to have Israeli penfriends. He collects stamps and view cards and is interested in social work.

JOSEPH J. HUNT (25), of 295 Evergreen Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861, would like to correspond with a girl of approximately his age. His hobbies include photography, music, sports and stamps.

Admission to T.A. University medical school

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When the Tel Aviv Univ sity announced that it would acce soldiers who had registered f Medical School prior to the Yo Kippur War, but had been turn down, my son immediately submi ted his application again. He ser ed as a medic for three years the Sinai during the War of Att tion, and is again working as med since the Yom Kippur Wa He has always dreamt of being doctor and even took a pre-medic course at the Tel Aviv Universit

To my dismay, he has just be informed that he has not been a cepted. Will somebody please e plain what is meant by priority f soldiers?

MITZI GRO
Haifa, January 2.

The Tel Aviv University replie

Boris Gross submitted an app cation to our Medical School t year; in accordance with our r gular admission procedure, he w turned down because his grad were lower than those of the su cessful candidates.

When the Yom Kippur War bro out, we increased enrolment f first-year medicine from 80 to 1 The extra 20 openings were e marked for soldiers only. The su cessful candidates were selected fr the complete list of applications accordance with regular admissi procedure, which is based on mat culation grades and admissi exam results. Boris Gross was n accepted. At least 200 other ca didates, half of whom are still the Army, obtained better grad than he did, but were turned aw for lack of space.

The Tel Aviv University Medi School did increase enrolment f soldiers beyond its capacity but a limited scale only and in cordance with its usual standar It therefore could not possibly e cept all candidates.

ZVI EYAL, Spokesm
Tel Aviv, January 16.

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